SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY COMMUNITY SURVEY 2003

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1.0 Introduction

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) supervised the mailing of a community survey to 96,448 residents living within a five-mile radius of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) located in southeastern Ventura County (see map below). The survey was mailed to the general public in two stages, the first mailing was sent out in June 2001, and the second and final mailing was undertaken in January 2002.

The survey was undertaken in order to document the public's comments and concerns relating to DTSC's cleanup activities taking place at the SSFL. The survey results will be used to develop a revised DTSC Public Participation Plan and community outreach strategy for 2003.

- A total of 3,379 (3.5 %) surveys were return-mailed by the public living within 32 geographical locations (see page 83 for location of returned survey responses).

There are four main sections, and sixteen subsections to this report. Where relevant, each section begins with the original survey question followed by the public's unabridged comment.

- Unabridged public comment has been compiled under specific concerns, and then sorted alphabetically by mailing address.

- Name and mailing address information has been omitted in order to protect the identity of survey respondents.

Copies of the community survey results are available at local information repositories as listed in Appendix B (page 85).

Figure 1: **Site Map of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)**

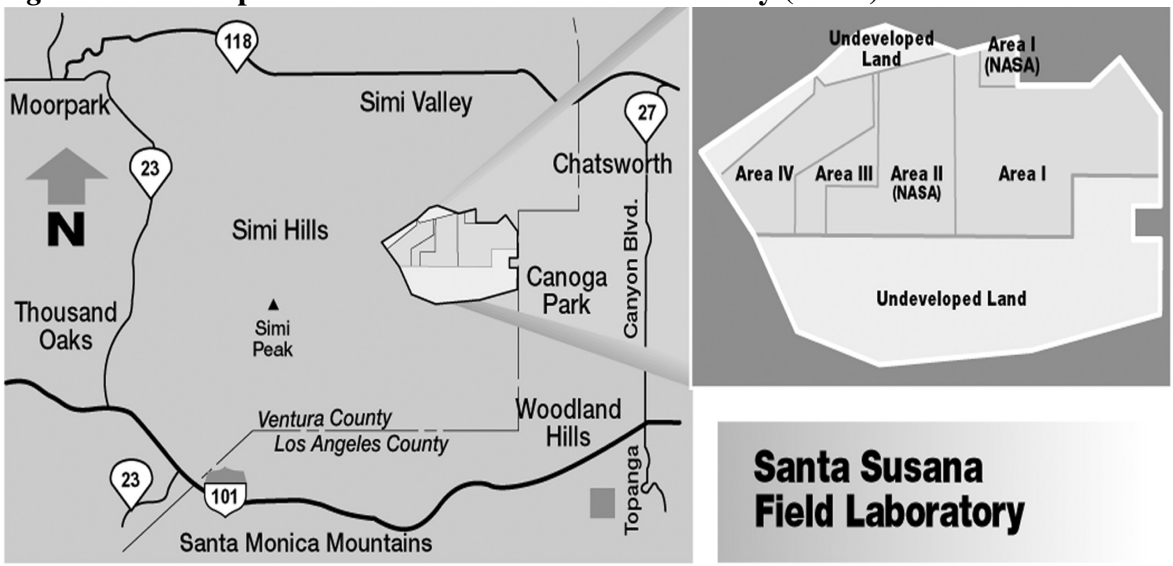


Table 1: Summary of Survey Results

Survey Results	No. of Responses	Percentage	Page
Number of Survey Responses Received	3,379	3.5%	6
Level of Public Interest			6
Very High	1086	32%	-
High	996	30%	-
Moderate	885	26%	-
Low	254	8%	-
No Interest	138	4%	-
Knowledge of Facility or DTSC's Cleanup Activities			7
Yes, Some Knowledge	1683	50%	-
No Understanding	1522	46%	-
How Survey Respondents Receive Information			7
From the Media	711	21%	-
By Word of Mouth	152	4.5%	-
By Mail (non-specific)	81	2.4%	-
Class Action Lawsuit	66	2%	-
Government Agencies	45	1.3%	-
Real Estate Disclosure	34	1%	-
Interest Groups (non-government)	11	0.3%	-
Websites (non-specific)	11	0.3%	-
Homeowners Associations (HOA)	10	0.3%	-
How the Public Would Like to Receive Information			8
Fact Sheet	2910	80%	-
Public Meeting	633	19%	-
E-mail/Website	350	10%	-
Mail	214	6%	-
Media	179	5%	-
Phone	19	0.5%	-
Fax	13	0.4%	-
Number of Public Who Have Visited Information Repositories			8
Platt Branch Library - Woodland Hills	508	15%	-
Simi Valley Library	375	11%	-
Cal. State University - Northridge	281	8%	-
Department of Toxic Substances Control - Glendale	11	0.3%	-
Public Comment Relating to Translation of Information			10
No Translation Required	2293	68%	-
Yes - Translation Requested/Recommended	266	8%	-
Specific Public Comment			-
Comment Relating to the Distribution of Information	283	8.3%	13
Health	276	8%	28
Cleanup Activities	244	7%	48
Government Actions	86	2.5%	64
General Public Comment	59	1.8%	70
Information Repositories	43	1.3%	74
Realtors and Property Ownership	23	0.7%	76
Legal Comment	20	0.7%	78
Non-SSFL Related Comment	11	0.03%	80

NOTE: This table does not show the complete list of survey results.

2.0 Survey Results

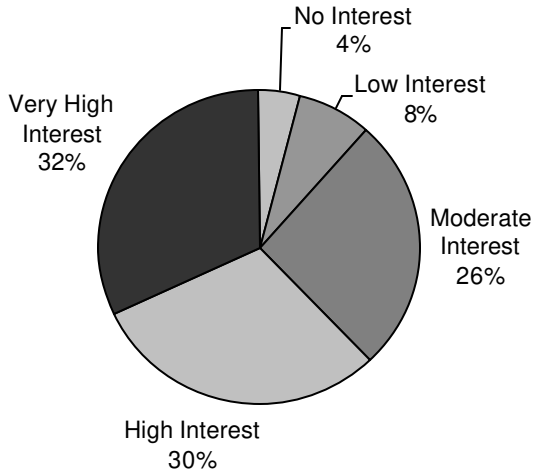
Number of Survey Responses Received
3,379 (3.5 %)

Note: A total of 96,448 surveys were mailed out to the public, 3,379 were return-mailed. Nineteen surveys were returned in Spanish. The self-selected group of people who responded to the survey may not be statistically representative of the total population of residents living within a five-mile radius of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

Survey Question 1: What is your current level of interest or concern regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

Public Response:

Figure 2: **Survey Respondents Level of Interest or Concern**



NUMBER OF PUBLIC WHO MADE A RESPONSE

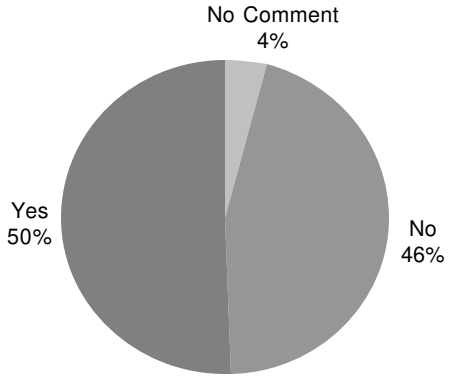
No Interest	Low Interest	Moderate Interest	High Interest	Very High Interest
4 % (n=138)	8 % (n=254)	26 % (n=885)	30 % (n=996)	32 % (n=1086)

Note: n = number of responses. % = Percentage calculated from 3,379 surveys returned.

Survey Question 2: Do you have previous knowledge of the facility, or DTSC's cleanup activities?

Public response:

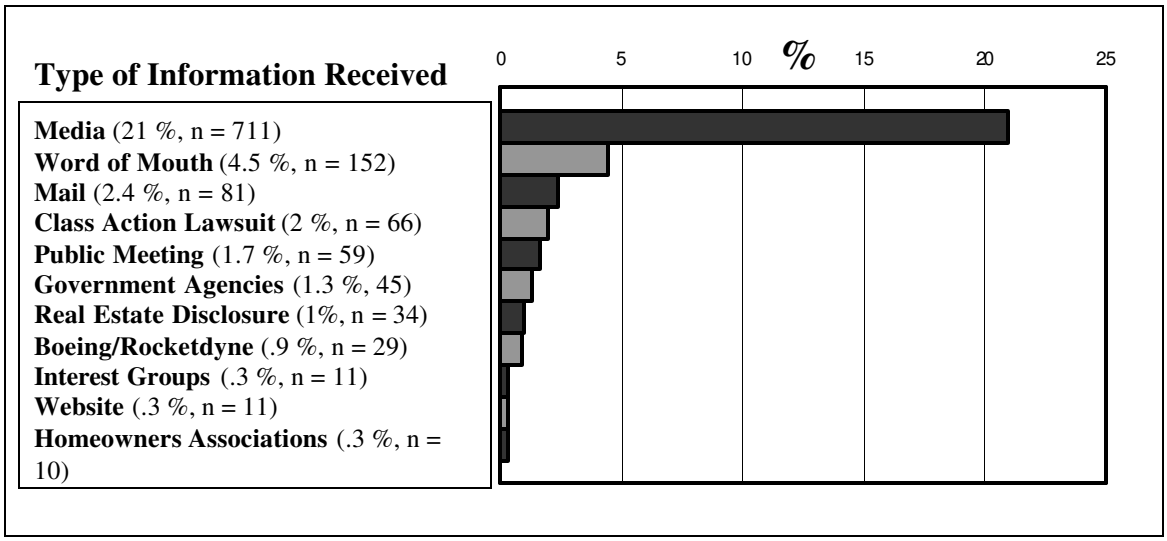
Figure 3: **Survey Respondents Knowledge of Facility or DTSC's Clean-Up Activities**



NUMBER OF PUBLIC WHO MADE A RESPONSE

Yes	No	No comment
50 % (n=1683)	46 % (n=1522)	4 % (n=174)

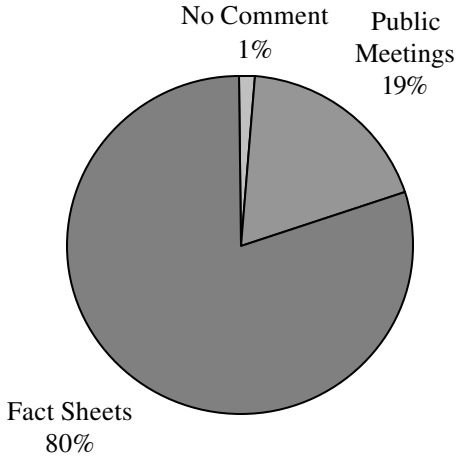
Figure 4: **How Survey Respondents Receive Information**


Type of Information Received
Media (21 %, n = 711)
Word of Mouth (4.5 %, n = 152)
Mail (2.4 %, n = 81)
Class Action Lawsuit (2 %, n = 66)
Public Meeting (1.7 %, n = 59)
Government Agencies (1.3 %, 45)
Real Estate Disclosure (1%, n = 34)
Boeing/Rocketdyne (.9 %, n = 29)
Interest Groups (.3 %, n = 11)
Website (.3 %, n = 11)
Homeowners Associations (.3 %, n = 10)
0
5
10
%
15
20
25

Survey Question 3: What is the best way to provide you with information?

Public response:

***Figure 5: Public Preference for* Fact Sheets and/or Public Meetings**



NUMBER OF PUBLIC WHO MADE A RESPONSE

Fact sheets	Public meetings	No comment
80 % (n=2910)	19 % (n=633)	1 % (n=47)

Survey respondents requested that information be made available by the following:

Provide information by E-mail/Website	Provide information by mail	Provide information by media	Provide information by phone	Send information by Fax
10 % (n=350)	6 % (n=214)	5 % (n=179)	.5 % (n=19)	.4 % (n=13)

Survey Question 4: Please indicate if you have visited any of the four information repositories.

Public response:

Platt Branch Library	Simi Valley Library	Cal. State University Northridge	Department of Toxic Substances Control Glendale	No Comment
15 % (n=508)	11 % (n=375)	8 % (n=281)	.3 % (n=11)	41 % (n=1367)

Note: Survey respondents either visited repositories or found locations convenient.

Survey Question 4(a): Are the information repositories situated in a convenient location? If no, please recommend alternative locations.

Public response:

Never visited repositories	Repositories are conveniently located	Unaware repositories existed	Repositories are not conveniently located
10 % (n=331)	**4 % (n=134)**	**3.6 % (n=122)**	**1 % (n=33)**

Survey respondent's recommend the following alternative locations for receiving information on SSFL:

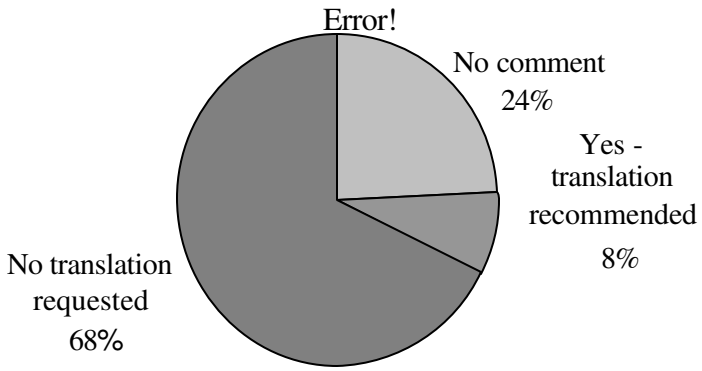
Table 2: **Public Recommended Alternative Repository/Information Locations**

Recommended Location	No. of Responses	%
Chatsworth Public Library	64	2%
Provide Information on Website	44	1%
Porter Ranch Public Library	23	0.7%
Canoga Park Public Library	22	0.3%
Granada Hills Public Library	11	0.3%
Northridge Public Library	11	0.3%
Provide Information at Stores & Malls	7	0.2%
Petite Street Library Granada Hills	5	0.1%
U.S Post Offices (Non Specific)	5	0.1%
Schools (Non Specific)	4	0.1%
Canyon Park Library	2	0.05%
Chatsworth Train Station	2	0.05%
Glendale Public Library	2	0.05%
West Valley Library	2	0.05%
Woodland Hills Library	2	0.05%
Bell Canyon Community Center	1	0.02%
Council Offices	1	0.02%
Real Estate Offices	1	0.02%
Simi Valley Community Center	1	0.02%
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce	1	0.02%
Simi Valley City Hall	1	0.02%
Churches (Non Specific)	1	0.02%
San Fernando Valley Library	1	0.02%
Simi Valley Police Department	1	0.02%

Survey Question 5: Do fact sheets and public notices need translation into other languages?

Public response:

Figure 6: **Public Preference for Translation of Documents**



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No translation requested	Yes translation requested/recommended (Not all respondents gave language requirements)	No comment
68 % (n=2293)	8 % (n=266)	24 % (n=819)

Survey respondents suggested the following language translations:

Spanish	Korean	Chinese	Farsi	Japanese	Armenian
5 % (n=169)	.6 % (n=20)	.5 % (n=17)	.4 % (n=12)	.2 % (n=6)	.2 % (n=5)

Vietnamese	Italian	Tagalog	Russian	Greek	Hungarian
.2 % (n=5)	.2 % (n=5)	.2 % (n=5)	.2 % (n=5)	.1 % (n=4)	.1 % (n=4)

Arabic	Hebrew	Hindi	Yiddish
.02 % (n=1)	.02 % (n=1)	.02 % (n=1)	.02 % (n=1)

Survey Question 6: Can you suggest officials, groups, organizations, or individuals that DTSC could contact regarding SSFL?

Public Response to Question 6: 20 % (n=678)	No comment: 80 % (n=2698)

Table 3: Type of Organization Contacts Recommended by the Public

Organization Type	No. of Respondents	%
Environmental Organizations	109	3%
State & Federal Government Agencies/Elected Officials	102	3%
Homeowners Associations (HOA)	92	2.7%
Community Organizations	86	2.5%
Schools, Parent Teachers Associations/ & Students *	65	1.9%
City Council	48	1.4%
Hospitals/Medical Centers *	37	1.1%
News Media *	33	1.0%
Religious Centers *	31	0.9%
Chamber of Commerce *	28	0.8%
Boeing/Rocketdyne*	23	0.7%
Universities/Technical Institutions *	10	0.3%
Business*	7	0.2%
Lawyers/Attorneys*	7	0.2%
Total Number of Public Responses:	677	20 %

Note: * Public response did not include names of specific organizations.

Table 4: List of Environmental Organization Contacts Recommended by the Public

Name of Organization	No. of Respondents	%
Sierra Club	33	1.0%
Greenpeace	18	0.5%
North Valley Coalition	10	0.3%
Santa Susana Mountain Park Association	10	0.3%
The Nature Conservancy	7	0.2%
Committee to Bridge the Gap	5	0.1%
Ralph Nader/CALPERG/Green Party	3	0.1%
Audubon Society	3	0.09%
National Resource Defense Council	3	0.09%
Rocketdyne Clean up Coalition	2	0.06%
World Wildlife Fund (WWF)	2	0.06%
Physicians for Social Responsibility	1	0.03%
National Wildlife Federation	1	0.03%
American Nuclear Society - LA Chapter	1	0.03%
Ahmanson Ranch Anti-Development Group	1	0.03%
Save Bell Canyon Group	1	0.03%
Friends of LA River	1	0.03%
Alliance for Survival	1	0.03%
Earth First	1	0.03%
Save Our Beaches	1	0.03%
Canada Goose Project	1	0.03%
Total Number of Public Response:	108	3.2%

Continued public recommended contacts:

Table 5: List of Government Contacts Recommended by the Public

Name	No. of Respondents	%
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	11	0.3%
Regional State Water Board	4	0.1%
Department of Water and Power	3	0.08%
Assemblyman Brad Sherman	2	0.06%
U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein	2	0.06%
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer	1	0.03%
Judy Mikels - Ventura County Supervisor	1	0.03%
Department of Health Services	1	0.03%
U.S. Department of Energy	1	0.03%
Recommendation to contact Government (non-specific)	76	2.3%
Total Number of Public Response:	102	3%

Table 6: List of Homeowner Association Contacts Recommended by the Public

Name	No. of Respondents	%
West Hills Homeowners Association (HOA)	18	0.53%
Bell Canyon Homeowners Association	14	0.41%
Santa Susana Knolls Homeowners Association	5	0.15%
West Hills Neighborhood Council	4	0.12%
Mobile Home Parks (non-specific)	4	0.12%
Peak & Hidden Hills Homeowners Association	2	0.06%
Valley Circle Estates Homeowners Association	2	0.06%
Home Town Homeowners Association	1	0.03%
Canoga Hills Homeowners Association	1	0.03%
Summit Ridge Homeowners Association	1	0.03%
Monte Vista Homeowners Association	1	0.03%
Stonegate Homeowners Association	1	0.03%
Mountain View Mobile Homes Association	1	0.03%
Recommendation to contact H.O.A (non-specific)	37	1.1%
Total Number of Public Response:	92	2.7%

Table 7: List of Local City Council Contacts Recommended by the Public

Name	No. of Respondents	%
Simi Valley City Council	22	0.7%
Hal Bernson, LA City Council	9	0.3%
LA City Council (non-specific)	4	0.1%
Recommendation to contact City Council (non-specific)	13	0.4%
Total Number of Public Responses:	48	1.4%

Continued public recommended contacts:

Table 8: List of Community Organization Contacts Recommended by the Public

Name and Type of Organization	No. of Respondents	%
Senior Citizens/Veteran Organizations	23	0.7%
Rotary/Kiwanis/Masons/Elks/Moose Lodge	19	0.6%
Neighborhood Watch (non-specific)	8	0.3%
Chatsworth Community Coordinating Council	5	0.1%
Republican and Democrat Party Organizations	5	0.1%
Trade Unions/Employers Associations	5	0.1%
Chatsworth Lake Citizens Committee	4	0.12%
Chumash Indians/Native American Heritage Commission	3	0.09%
League of Women Voters	3	0.09%
Boy Scouts	2	0.06%
Rancho Simi Trail Blazers	2	0.06%
Chatsworth Historical Society	1	0.03%
Brandis Bardine Institute	1	0.03%
Latin Community Representatives (non-specific)	1	0.03%
Canoga Park Neighborhood Council	1	0.03%
Autism Society of America	1	0.03%
CORBA/IMBA - Mountain Bike Groups	1	0.03%
Citizens for a Safe and Scenic Simi Valley	1	0.03%
Total Public Responses:	86	2.6%

Survey Question 7: Please provide additional comment

Public response:

7.1. Public comments concerning the distribution of information

Number of Public Responses 283 (8 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Bell Canyon:

1. *Need honest appraisal from a community based and hired pollution expert – paid by SSFL. [Bell Canyon]*
2. *I grew up in a town that was a Superfund cleanup site. If there is a need for clean up, then do it. I am not at all interested in the NOISE of public meetings, negative press and litigation that surrounds and ultimately undermines the community more so than the actual hazardous waste site itself. The community is hurt more by negative coverage than the impact of the environmental problem. Clean up/move on is my advice to everyone. I have strong opinions, why is it counterproductive to beat the drum on this issue ad nuseum. [Bell Canyon]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

Public response from Burbank:

3. *I am very involved in environmental causes, and would like to be informed regarding the above matter. [Burbank]*

Public response from Calabasas:

4. *Let's face it - public health risk for this site is miniscule. I think there are enough people on this bandwagon already. A media campaign does not accomplish the cleanup. In fact, it would only serve to lengthen the whole job. [Calabasas]*

Public response from Canoga Park:

5. *Quarterly mailed updates would be appreciated. [Canoga Park]*
6. *So what is happening? – Details please!! [Canoga Park]*
7. *I feel it is very important that we be kept informed completely regarding any situations of potential danger – past, present, future. [Canoga Park]*
8. *The summit management does not disclose the contamination/clean up of the Rocketdyne Lab as required by law! A disclosure should be separate and should be initiated by all new residents! [Canoga Park]*
9. *Mail fact sheets to people and have an Email newsletter. [Canoga Park]*
10. *This is the first correspondence we received whatsoever in reference to our local exposure. [Canoga Park]*
11. *Establish a Website on the Internet. [Canoga Park]*
12. *I would like to receive information about health issues involved with the Rocketdyne Laboratory. [Canoga Park]*
13. *I've been a tenant in Mt. View Mobile Home estate for 23 years. Was never informed about reactors, toxic waste etc until years latter. I request that anyone moving into the area be informed of existing condition. [Woolsey Canyon, Canoga Park]*
14. *I grew up in Chatsworth Lake area and always heard rumors about cancer and Rocketdyne. [Canoga Park]*
15. *I just want to make sure we are kept informed of all the new developments related to this situation in my community [Canoga Park]*
16. *I had no understanding of this Lab. and I am interested in its activities to ensure that they do not pose any danger to my community. [Canoga Park]*
17. *Yes, please send us more information we need more information to be better educated on the situation with regards to this site. [Canoga Park]*
18. *Post the information on a web site. [Canoga Park]*
19. *Problem is that I don't really understand the environmental threat the current condition of the site poses. I have lived at the bottom of the hill (near Roscoe & Valley Circle for over 35 years and don't like the fact that I had a nuclear reactor in my backyard for many years. Apparently, rocket testing has continued to what threat to the community I don't know. [Canoga Park]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

20. *The public concern is silly, fueled by a few people who know a few buzzwords, and of course, attorneys. [Canoga Park]*
21. *There is very little information contained in this mail out, I do not feel informed enough to comment on the situation, other then I would like a fact sheet or information regarding cleanup activities at the SSFL. NOTE – I am relatively new to the area (June 01) and perhaps missed previous mailings. [Canoga Park]*
22. *Would be interested in receiving information in the mail, including complete history of situation, as well as current status. [Canoga Park]*
23. *I would suggest some type of use of the local media (TV, newspapers, and radio) to disseminate information on your environmental hazard research. A phone number could then be provided for those (who would probably not be large in number) having additional questions or concerns. This approach would probably be more cost effective than holding meetings or seminars for each individual group or geographical area. [Canoga Park]*
24. *This is the first time that I have heard of the existence of SSFL, or that DTSC is investigating. [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

25. *Please send me more information. I live in Chatsworth, so I'm very interested. [Chatsworth]*
26. *I have lived in Chatsworth for 18 years and I want to know all I can. [Chatsworth]*
27. *We would like to be kept informed. [Chatsworth]*
28. *Please mail me pertinent information regarding cleanup and toxicity of soils around our location [Chatsworth]*
29. *My low level of concern regarding this facility is probably due to my lack of awareness of the facts and information. I will visit one of the repositories soon. [Chatsworth]*
30. *The fact sheets provide me with the information I need and a phone number to direct questions. The community meetings I attended were a complete waste of my time. Too much arguing from uneducated people with little or no information provided. I am confident Rocketdyne has not contaminated us! Based on my own research. [Chatsworth]*
31. *Plain language and showing genuine concern for the health of local residents is most important. [Chatsworth]*
32. *Why were we included in this mailing? What might our concerns be? Is our location close enough to be adversely affected? [Chatsworth]*
33. *I would like more information, I recently moved to this area one year ago. [Chatsworth]*
34. *Our association had a speaker concerning this matter and a visit by bus? Would be good to have an update discussion. [Chatsworth]*
35. *Feels like the problem has been greatly exaggerated. I do not wish to receive any further information. [Chatsworth]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

36. *After the "Belmont" mess any and all investigations are a godsend. I thank you for your persistence in this. All your doing safeguards everyone from future harm regarding the use of the land [Chatsworth].*
37. *Please send on-going information regarding site cleanup progress. [Chatsworth]*
38. *We're quite concerned about what is being done to correct this situation and the public's lack of awareness regarding it. Whatever happened to Chatsworth Lake and our groundwater? [Chatsworth]*
39. *We as a community would like to tour the facility to get a first hand look at the problems, and be more informed rather then a load of cover-ups and lies. Thank you so much for your agency getting involved. [Chatsworth]*
40. *I would be interested in any available fact sheets showing the geographical distance at which toxic hazards at SSFL can be expected to impact residents. I would like to be on your mailing list. [Chatsworth]*
41. *I would like to know more about SSFL, and to know if it has affected my family or not [Chatsworth].*
42. *If you have speakers that you provide to educate people on your work, please contact me. We are the Chatsworth Neighborhood Watch, and have monthly meetings where people are kept informed on local matters. [Chatsworth]*
43. *The only information I have received on the SSFL cleanup is from the newspaper. It is not convenient to go to a location to get information, can't information be sent to people in the area, by mail or E-mail. [Chatsworth]*
44. *I would appreciate a copy of this sheet – front and back for information. It would have been nice to have backside on separate sheet so we could keep it for our information. [Chatsworth]*
45. *I had no knowledge of these activities, please keep me informed. [Chatsworth]*
46. *This is the first knowledge I have of this facility, and I am interested in knowing more about it. [Chatsworth]*
47. *Please contact me on any information you may come across. [Chatsworth]*
48. *Please keep us posted. [Chatsworth]*
49. *My kid grows up here, I would like to know what is happening in our neighborhood, and that someone cares about us living here. [Chatsworth]*
50. *I have just become aware of the activities of the California Environmental Protection Agency in the environmental cleanup, and would very much like information regarding this current situation. [Chatsworth]*
51. *We are not that interested on what is going on but would like more information on the situation. [Chatsworth]*
52. *Just keep the public informed as to what is being done to cleanup the facility, and what health hazards may occur. [Chatsworth]*
53. *Provide lots of photos, maps, easy diagrams to catch the eye. [Chatsworth*]
54. *This is the first time I have heard of any of this. What is it all about? I would like more information. [Chatsworth]*
55. *Would like to see details of contamination. [Chatsworth]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

Public response from Granada Hills:

56. *I am totally informed, and appreciate the information and being made aware of the issues. Any further legitimate fact sheets would be appreciated. [Granada Hills]*
57. *I need more information about this SSFL so that I can follow up with you because I am very concerned about California's environmental status. [Granada Hills]*
58. *I did not know about SSFL before, and would like to be informed about this matter. I'm glad you sent this survey. [Granada Hills]*
59. *I would like to be kept informed. [Granada Hills]*
60. *My words are few about this, only because I am only hearing things which frighten me. All my fears encourage me to inquire about this all I can because many people feel there was some severe negligence up there which led to families becoming ill. [Granada Hills]*
61. *There are about four other neighborhood watch programs in our area. These all have monthly meetings and need speakers. I'm sure we are all interested and would have questions. Do you have speakers? [Granada Hills]*
62. *Too much of Dan Hirsch's BS and none of the facts are ever presented by the media, this should be changed by giving them the facts. [Granada Hills]*
63. *Educate the students and teachers and they speak with their parents about it. This also teaches our youth to be conscientious. [Granada Hills]*
64. *We own our house but will be moving away from the area soon. Our future tenants may or may not be interested in this information. [Granada Hills]*
65. *Thank you for this information. [Granada Hills]*
66. *The single most important facility for information sharing is the Internet. If DTSC is serious about pursuing the SSFL project in a manner that keeps all the stakeholders informed, then all the relevant project information must be posted on the Internet at the DTSC site. A quick search of DTSC site revealed only a single document related to SSFL, a totally dysfunctional situation. The DTSC Website itself is totally dysfunctional as a tool for any project stakeholder to determine the status of any DTSC project. [Granada Hills]*
67. *I am certain that if properly announced, you could attract people in neighborhoods to attend. We have friends who live close to it. Her husband died of disease – possibly caused by that facility for he lived and worked in proximity to it. [Granada Hills]*
68. *Spread the word. [Granada Hills]*
69. *This survey should have a pre-paid postage. It will be skewed having many people not sending it because of stamps, unless it was intended to deter returns. [Granada Hills]*
70. *As a high school teacher, it is important for me to let my students know about local issues. We would certainly use fact sheets from unbiased sources such as yourselves. [Granada Hills]*
71. *We need <u>all</u> relevant informed, need to be responsibly informed. [Granada Hills]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

Public response from Hidden Hills:

72. *For the health of our family, I need/appreciate accurate information. I appreciate your work on safety. [Hidden Hills]*

Public response from Hollywood:

73. *I am offended that this survey is primarily interested in my level of interest, given that the full story of SSFL is not common public knowledge. I would have rather opened an informative letter then a "How dumb are you" questionnaire. [Hollywood]*

Public response from Northridge:

74. *This is the silliest thing yet! Nothing has been communicated to those of us living in the area to date. I was not aware that there was a problem. Is there a problem? Unless there is a health problem, I can't see worrying about it. This is Rocketdyne's responsibility! [Northridge]*
75. *I have lived in this area for 40 years, and this has been a worry to me. Please bring me up to date on this. [Northridge]*
76. *I don't know what SSFL is, should I be concerned? Please send more information. [Northridge]*
77. *Full disclosure would be nice. [Northridge]*
78. *Why has action been taken without consulting the public? I'm very concerned regarding influence of Boeing – the large corporation. [Northridge]*
79. *Thank you for giving this matter a priority. [Northridge]*
80. *This is the first time that I have heard about this. I'm interested in hearing more. [Northridge]*
81. *This is my first contact concerning this site. I would like to know what is planned and when the timing of such operations are going to start. Newspaper (Daily News) and Internet are the best way to transmit this information to the public. [Northridge]*
82. *Was not aware of the SSFL site or activities surrounding it. We are very concerned about the environment and pollution, and would like information concerning SSFL. I will visit the CSUN library. [Northridge]*
83. *Thank you for taking the time to better our understanding of this project. [Northridge]*
84. *While I'm not interested in a follow-up interview, I would appreciate updates as to what is happening with this investigation. [Northridge]*

Public response from Porter Ranch:

85. *I am president of a 404 gated community. I would like more information on this important issue. [Porter Ranch]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

86. *I appreciate this information. I moved into the area a year ago and was unaware of this issue. [Porter Ranch]*
87. *I recently moved to this area so don't know anything regarding the facility and its whereabouts [Porter Ranch].*

Public response from Santa Susana:

88. *Provide honest newspaper reports. [Santa Susana]*

Public response from Simi Valley:

89. *Information to the public has been very confusing and not easy to get. The information at the library is extremely difficult to comprehend and I have a master's in Science! [Simi Valley]*
90. *Don't bother! I don't like propaganda [Simi Valley]*
91. *Set up an information Website. Publicize the existence of the We site in the local media. [Simi Valley]*
92. *E-mail would save money, as currently practiced by the California Department of Fish and Game. [Simi Valley]*
93. *Mail information to residents regarding public meetings, such as location and time. [Simi Valley]*
94. *We need more public awareness in our community! [Simi Valley]*
95. *I feel you need to disseminate information both in fact sheets and public meetings. [Simi Valley]*
96. *Fact sheets must be in plain English, so that the everyday laymen will be able to understand them. [Simi Valley]*
97. *Fact sheets only if in layman terms. [Simi Valley]*
98. *Can I receive information in Simi Valley City Council reports? [Simi Valley]*
99. *Provide video presentations at the library. [Simi Valley]*
100. *Public meetings are a waste because emotions get involved. [Simi Valley]*
101. *Regular progress reports to our City Council would be appreciated, but you are probably already doing this? [Simi Valley]*
102. *Whatever way the information is provided it must be explained in such a way that anyone can understand it. [Simi Valley]*
103. *When meetings are held, we wish to know even if we can't attend [Simi Valley]*
104. *Provide show on Cable Community Station. [Simi Valley]*
105. *Provide internet links from Realtors, City of Simi, etc. [Simi Valley]*
106. *Provide open information without any evasiveness. [Simi Valley]*
107. *I know that there has been contamination by the Rocketdyne facility through newspaper articles. I do not know the extent of the contamination or what toxic materials are involved. [Simi Valley]*
108. *This is the first mailing about this issue I've received, lived here since 1994 [Simi Valley]*
109. *We just heard and read that there has been sever contamination in the area including ground water. We never drink tap water in Simi Valley. [Simi Valley]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

110. *I heard that the City water is contaminated. [Simi Valley]*
111. *I've been concerned about radioactive waste in the Rocketdyne Santa Susana Field Laboratory. I know of the EPA. [Simi Valley]*
112. *It seems that no actual factual report has been provided. [Simi Valley]*
113. *I know from the newspaper that there have been various concerns about toxic and radioactive seepage over the past 10+ years. [Simi Valley]*
114. *I am employed by the Boeing Company and have received bulletins from them. I have no first-hand knowledge of any work performed at SSFL. [Simi Valley]*
115. *I recommend fact sheets be posted on a public accessible Website. [Simi Valley]*
116. *I would like a fact sheet. [Simi Valley]*
117. *I would encourage and request that you find a more proactive means of disseminating information, a Website would help. [Simi Valley]*
118. *I would like more notices of public meetings & groups to be contacted besides Rocketdyne. [Simi Valley]*
119. *Please provide any and all information. [Simi Valley]*
120. *Information should also be provided to new homes and local schools. [Simi Valley]*
121. *Please provide information in regards to health risks that this type of contamination can have on the community. [Simi Valley]*
122. *Be more informative. Let the public see what's really up there. Hold more open houses. Develop facts sheets in "laymen's terms." [Simi Valley]*
123. *We are really interested in how hazardous and dangerous it is for people in the area. What are the risks of living in the area? [Simi Valley]*
124. *I lived near the Burbank cleanup site for 10 years and they always sent mailings like this of all the stages and notices. [Simi valley]*
125. *Fact sheets and public meetings would inform the public of what is going on. Most new residents have no inkling of what is going on. [Simi Valley]*
126. *One of the libraries is located in my city. However, the library is not a convenient source. I am a working mom with three kids. I don't have time to visit the library. A Website would be very convenient, or emails containing information and status. [Simi valley]*
127. *I am interested in obtaining updates on investigations at SSFL and their findings. Furthermore, I would like to know how it's impacting Simi Valley neighborhoods. [Simi Valley]*
128. *Disclose all information about locations issues, e.g. test data from beginning of cleanup to date. [Simi Valley]*
129. *I am concerned about this issue, and would like to gather as much information as possible. [Simi Valley]*
130. *It would be great if you would mail out an easy-to-read fact sheet about the environmental hazards of living near Rocketdyne. For example, could our water supply be affected? Should we avoid planting food bearing plants & trees etc? [Simi Valley]*
131. *Thank you for this outreach. [Simi Valley]*
132. *Postage should be provided. [Simi Valley]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

133. *Send us information to our residence, since it is not always convenient to go to the library. [Simi Valley]*
134. *Provide phone line where anyone can call with information anonymously regarding the Rocketdyne facility, post information at the facility. People might be encouraged to report all or any kind of toxic disposal. [Simi Valley]*
135. *I wasn't aware that there were information repositories available. Thank you for letting us know. [Simi Valley]*
136. *I would like to stay informed of any progress or change with the land. [Simi Valley]*
137. *I recommend a liaison to the community that anyone could call. [Simi Valley]*
138. *Please send me any information I have missed about this. I would like to know that our area is safe! Thank you. [Simi Valley]*
139. *Make meeting times on Saturdays or nights. Do not make them in daytime when most people are working. [Simi Valley]*
140. *I believe there is a lack of awareness re this issue among Simi residents. I think this survey is a good idea. [Simi Valley]*
141. *Please mail me information as it comes out. [Simi Valley]*
142. *Keep me informed. [Simi Valley]*
143. *I appreciate the attempt at keeping the public informed about what is going on with the cleanup efforts. [Simi Valley]*
144. *I was not aware of DTSC or SSFL. I would like more information on this. What are they there for? What do they do? Is there a danger to the immediate areas surrounding SSFL? [Simi Valley]*
145. *A full disclosure with specific information as to the type of toxic materials involved and specific plan of cleanup. To deny there was or may be a problem is short sighted. Spend money for information dissemination. [Simi Valley]*
146. *As a citizen of Simi Valley, I want to be kept informed. [Simi Valley]*
147. *I have a wife and two children. This is the first I had heard of any hazardous substance contamination in my area. I would like more details. Is there a danger? [Simi Valley]*
148. *No knowledge of DTSC involvement but I'm aware of the test facility and Rocketdyne and potential toxic hazards. [Simi Valley]*
149. *We are new to the area and not informed of the situation. We would like some background information and a status report. [Simi Valley]*
150. *Keep public up to date by advertising a Website, or using U.S. Post Office mail. [Simi Valley]*
151. *We appreciate being kept informed. [Simi Valley]*
152. *I don't know what this is all about. Are we in danger? [Simi Valley]*
153. *As a concerned resident of east Simi Valley, I would like more information about the facility, fact sheets and Websites etc would be appreciated. [Simi Valley]*
154. *Email or mail updated information please. [Simi valley]*
155. *Provide information in the Dafu Shimpo (Japanese Newspaper). [Simi Valley]*
156. *The mews media has over the years completely over played the extent of the danger to the community. The danger in my opinion is close to zero. [Simi Valley]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

157. *Newspapers have been the biggest source of information. [Simi Valley]*

Public response from West Hills:

158. *Please keep me informed. [West Hills]*
159. *To me this survey seems a bit stiff, which makes it not exactly clear as to what is going on. I would think everybody would be interested in this, but it needs to be designed to be easier to read, understand, and to fill out. This form needs to be more user-friendly. [West Hills]*
160. *Sometimes information can be too pedantic. [West Hills]*
161. *No time for public meetings, I want it information in black and white. [West Hills]*
162. *A Website for distribution of information would be excellent. [West Hills]*
163. *Please keep me informed. [West Hills]*
164. *Your attached map is not detailed enough. I cannot tell if my property is in the contaminated area. [West Hills]*
165. *I have tried to read the documents, but the few that have been mailed are complicated. Has there been any exposure? Or will I be exposed? I feel that the information gives facts, but what have the results been of the investigation! This should continue to be newsworthy, if newspapers don't carry it, you should post it at malls. [West Hills]*
166. *I would like to see a representative come to a meeting and discuss the problems and what is being done! Would have turnout of 100 or more local people. [West Hills]*
167. *Need more media exposure. [West Hills]*
168. *This is a very poorly written survey!! Example: There is no foundation for Question 4. It is ambiguous because a person can visit the facilities without knowing that SSFL activities are documented there and without locating such information. Is such information catalogued and stored at these facilities? Are you asking if SSFL information has been accessed by the survey respondent? [West Hills]*
169. *Set up a Website that provides all related information and is updated regularly. [West Hills]*
170. *I believe fact sheets and newsletters help in understanding, and public meetings help with unanswered questions. [West Hills]*
171. *If there is something going on in my community I would like to know about it. [West Hills]*
172. *I am very interested in progress. Please keep me informed of any meetings, or other support I may offer. [West Hills]*
173. *Park and Recreation – people who are environmentally minded are better informed. There is nothing in the area of Sage Brush Park which is very near what was Rocketdyne. [West Hills]*
174. *It would be nice to receive information earlier, not after the fact, or after meetings have occurred. [West Hills]*
175. *Are we in any danger? [West Hills]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

176. *You should mail out or Email information and place more information in the Daily News. [West Hills]*
177. *This is the first correspondence received regarding this problem and I have been here 4 yrs. [West Hills]*
178. *I just moved to this area from Southern California, and was not aware that there was a toxic substance laboratory in this area. I would like more information concerning it. [West Hills]*
179. *The whole community should be advised of the progress and results of this ongoing investigation through the mail and news media. [West Hills]*
180. *A newsletter sent to our home just as this survey would be helpful. [West Hills]*
181. *I would like a digest of all current issues mailed to me ASAP. [West Hills]*
182. *I am disabled and am unable to attend meetings. [West Hills]*
183. *It has been up to residents to find information themselves. In a situation such as this, all present and former residents should be mailed all pertinent information in summary form, and given the opportunity to request more detailed information. [West Hills]*
184. *I have not heard a lot about this issue on the local news. I would think this issue on the local news – I would think this would be a key communication tool to the valley. [West Hills]*
185. *I would like additional information. [West Hills]*
186. *Please keep me updated. [West Hills]*
187. *We have lived in this area for a year and a half and are interested in being continually informed of this situation. [West Hills]*
188. *I would suggest you keep all level of public & government informed. [West Hills]*
189. *I'm interested in the cleanup process. Please keep me updated. [West Hills]*
190. *Disclose to homeowners in succinct plain English what the real threat is, and the following: 1.What can homeowners do to minimize their risk. 2. What Rockwell and its successor doing to cleanup the site. 3. What is the government doing. 4. What is the real risk, with no cover-up! [West Hills]*
191. *Want to have any available information possible. [West Hills]*
192. *Local media coverage has been the only information provided. It seems the contaminator/responsible party is trying to downplay everything. [West Hills]*
193. *Please keep us informed. [West Hills]*
194. *As a parent, and as a recreational mountain biker, we are concerned. However, we don't know how to get involved. [West Hills]*
195. *Every individual that resides on Woolsey & Black Canyons should be contacted directly with complete details as well as every employee of the Rocketdyne SSFL. [West Hills]*
196. *Why don't you ask about bladder and lung cancer in surveys? [West Hills]*
197. *Notify me only regarding findings of contamination and cleanup efforts. [West Hills]*
198. *Provide blanket mailings (like this one, only informational in nature) to all adjacent affected areas. Also, Open House meetings at the site with open forum and informational disclosure of contamination issues. [West Hills]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

199. *I know nothing about the subject, let alone the laboratory. I need to know where I can get additional information. [West Hills]*
200. *Are their Websites of independent organizations that have information? [West Hills]*
201. *I would like to know the geographical extent of concern regarding this facility. More precise maps would be helpful. [West Hills]*
202. *I would like to see more information mailed to residents directly, or information released to the media. Some people cannot leave their home to receive this information. [West Hills]*
203. *I'd like to know what statistics are available, and how much research has been done. [West Hills]*
204. *I get my information through newspaper reports, but don't know how accurate the information is. [West Hills]*
205. *I was not aware of any of this. Please send me more information. [West Hills]*
206. *I highly recommend contacts with elected official's offices in the area. They have regular news bulletins that are mailed to residents and businesses in the area and can reflect the news and activities relative to the facility and cleanup. Also, contacting trade/professional organizations such as the Southland Regional Association of Realtors to publish the events in their newsletter and possibly commit their auditorium for public outreach activities. [West Hills]*
207. *Please inform me as to what is being done about this situation and how does this put us in danger. [West Hills]*
208. *The area around SSFL has developed so rapidly and to such a great extent that very little information has been available to residents of the area. Most of the residents are not even aware that the facility exists, or what its purpose is/was. I have lived in Canoga Park for over 40 yrs and until the last several years was unaware that the facility involved research with radioactive materials and that the contamination of the area resulted from it. Also, the companies and the government in their attempts to hide or minimize the degree of contamination. More information should be available through news and television. [West Hills]*
209. *We need full & accurate disclosure ASAP. [West Hills]*
210. *Very little information ever appears in newspapers (never on T.V. news) and most of what is available sounds like a "white wash." Almost never any follow-up. [West Hills]*
211. *Why not send some unbiased information and background. It really would be nice to know some factual information regarding how big a mess Rocketdyne left and what the consequences might be. Not scary stuff, just <u>objective</u> <u>FACTS</u>! [West Hills]*
212. *I just moved to West Hills and would like to be kept informed of any possibility of air/land contamination in the area. [West Hills]*
213. *I'm interested in the facts, pros & cons, not emotional <u>biased</u> opinions. My daughter's husband, who lived in the proximity and was active gardening on ¼ acre, died of brain cancer. [West Hills]*
214. *The schools should be notified. There are a lot of families with young children near the SSFL that may have been affected by the testing etc at SSFL. [West Hills]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

Public response from Winnetka:

215. I'm a mother of 2 children and would like more information. [Winnetka]

Public response from Woodland Hills:

216. Be sure that the public, especially those living nearby are kept informed of all activities that may past, present, and future effect us. [Woodland Hills]
217. Let's get all the data facts out and not confuse the public with complexness, make it simple. [Woodland Hills]
218. Post information on a Website. [Woodland Hills]
219. Have meetings at schools. We have gone to meetings and talked to people working on the environmental issues. Mail monthly fact sheets to everyone! [Woodland Hills]
220. Fact sheets in just layman's terms would be nice. [Woodland Hills]
221. I would like past and future information on this situation. [Woodland Hills]
222. We've been on the mailing list for the citizen's group, which has done what our government should have done for us. [Woodland Hills]
223. Signs of the hazards should be placed where hikers and mountain bikers can see them!! [Woodland Hills]
224. I was totally unaware of the Rocketdyne Laboratory. [Woodland Hills]
225. While information is always good for a layman, it is impossible to assess the impact on the environment at SSFL. [Woodland Hills]
226. I am very uninformed of this site and its activities, but would like further (paper) information on its activities and the effects on my family healthwise. [West Hills]
227. I had no prior knowledge of this cleanup, but will be interested to receive further information. [Woodland Hills]
228. Please do not waste money on fact sheets and contentious public meetings. I read the LA Times, so informing the press informs me. [Woodland Hills]
229. A simple clear report of the history and possible future activities at SSFL as a mailer such as this survey would be appreciated. [Woodland Hills]
230. Network through West Valley LAPD Neighborhood Watch Programs. They meet once a month and would be a great way to keep us aware of latest developments, utilizing meeting dates and sites already in existence. [Woodland Hills]
231. I like to be informed with what's happening in my community. [Woodland Hills]

Public response – no name or address given:

232. I am incapacitated and know only what I read in newspapers and see on TV. Thanks for this information. Our City need so much help. [no address given]
233. The location of information is not a problem, being informed of their existence is. In general, there does not seem to be effective communication about such things, and this is not a problem limited to this issue of course. [no address given]

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

234. *I am not active in any organizations associated with our environmental problems. My information is obtained only through the media. I do not have the time to devote to an active group, but I truly appreciate their efforts. [no address given]*
235. *The various government and state agencies need to assign a single interface to coordinate all information. Currently, the system appears to the public to be very fragmented. Hence, they are frustrated. [no address given]*
236. *It is important to inform the community as soon as any new information becomes available. [no address given]*
237. *I need third party objective reports. Particularly those where the executive summary is not written by activists. [no address given]*
238. *Information like the survey received is great, lets me discover what I want to know without the burden of going to public meetings to hear all the "loons" rant and rave. [no address given]*
239. *Internet: Set up a Website of official information and let residents know. [no address given]*
240. *Set up a Webpage with alerts to locals. [no address given]*
241. *Internet Website providing information both pro and con – not previously filtered. Background of contributors should be indicated. [no address given]*
242. *If you were sincere about wanting our input, all registered voters in this area would get this survey. The press needs to be involved to project your interests. A non-resident gave me this survey to fill out because he doesn't know what has been going on. I did not get one. No one questioned in the neighborhood got a survey. All registered voters should be informed. [no address given]*
243. *Need public flyers to let people know what is happening and where to get additional information. The Web is the most accessible. [no address given]*
244. *Develop Website with message board available for public to post information. [no address given]*
245. *Information should also be provided to local newspapers and on the internet if you have a Website. [no address given]*
246. *Please provide a Website. [no address given]*
247. *A Website would be very helpful. [no address given]*
248. *All information available should be available on the Web. [no address given]*
249. *Internet Website, mass mailings, TV Commercials, bill boards, getting the word out to everyone. [no address given]*
250. *This information should be available on a Website of DTSC. [no address given]*
251. *Report the whole truth completely in the media. [no address given]*
252. *I know very little, just what has been published in the newspapers?[no address given]*
253. *Objective, detailed newspaper articles or even local TV programs focused on subject would be appreciated. [no address given]*
254. *Newspapers and public meetings are good, but because of middle school children I can't always attend. Fact sheets are good, but sometimes it is difficult to get to them and newspapers in a timely manner. [no address given]*
255. *Important that the facts are reported correctly. [no address given]*
256. *Generate factual newspaper reports. [no address given]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

257. *Fact sheets should be in layman terms. [no address given]*
258. *Please keep us informed of developments. [no address given]*
259. *We are a T.V. society. We spend so much money "selling" other issues on T.V., yet, when it comes to these tremendously important parochial and global issues, we rely on low key communication. Our newscasts can be tailored to meet the needs of our individual and diverse communities. Ch. 4 could concentrate on the Inland Empire, Ch. 5 could localize its activities on the east valley etc. Just one example from one person. Thank you for the opportunity to become aware of projects that may have already affected the health of my family. [no address given]*
260. *Fact sheets should contain dates of inspections, cleanup activities, etc., as well as projected time needed, and so on. [no address given]*
261. *We are concerned because we have read (newspapers) and heard (radio) of contamination problems. If information was accessible through the internet we could access it at will. The problem with any of these situations is that the public never really knows who is telling the truth!!! [no address given]*
262. *Posting of materials in libraries, supermarkets, department malls, and any public venue would be beneficial. [no address given]*
263. *Please keep me posted by sending fact sheets. [no address given]*
264. *Please send me future mailings. [no address given]*
265. *We would appreciate a fact sheet on the specifics of this investigation, including what hazardous substances are involved, preferably by mail. [no address given]*
266. *We didn't know there was a repository for information on the facility which was available to the public. [no address given]*
267. *Since I don't live close to this site, I have not become very informed about it. [no address given]*
268. *Please take me off the mailing list. Thank you. [no address given]*
269. *It is important that the public is kept informed on issues that impactt our health and safety. I was unaware of this issue before this mailing was sent to me. I appreciate your efforts to keep the public informed and aware of these important matters. [no address given]*
270. *I moved to this address in Chatsworth in 1986. But, honestly if I had known that SSFL was so close by I would not have bought. I feel real estate people should disclose this fact. [no address given]*
271. *I do not know much about this problem, but bi-monthly one page summary might provoke the interest of citizens in the community. Good luck. [no address given]*
272. *Thanks for sending this. I have worked 33 years in a Simi Valley Elementary School, and have heard about this facility. [no address given]*
273. *Thank you (whoever) for trying to make information available to residents in the area. [no address given]*
274. *This is the first time I've heard about this. I'm sure many people do not know about it. [no address given]*
275. *Better then having long public meetings that only influences people and panics the less-informed, why not send out written info. so people know exactly what you intend and maybe the public hearings will be more productive. [no address given]*

Public comments concerning the distribution of information continued:

276. *The more information provided, the less people worry about the situation. Send out information through news media to keep all up to date on all actions and reviews. [no address given]*
277. *In the wake of years of abuse by corporate and industry as a whole, the toxic issues are very scary and people are only bow beginning to realize the possible effects on the population. Through the population as a whole is very apathetic, I believe that ANY advocacy on our part is a huge step in the right direction! It's not about – "What can I get away with for my gain," it NEEDS to be taken care of or we ALL lose out. [no address given]*
278. *I am new to this community and was not aware of this matter! [no address given]*
279. *Please give this matter clear attention. [no address given]*
280. *Please take good care of us. [no address given]*
281. *Remember that information in laymen's terms is very important. Sending out timely mailings is also important. [no address given]*
282. *I would like to see public information given out by radio and TV. (no address given)*
283. *I'm a Sierra Club member – they would publish something for you in their newspaper, the monthly "Southern Sierra." [no address given]*

7.2. Public comment relating to health

Number of Public Responses 276 (8 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Bell Canyon:

1. *Have lived 24 years within walking distance of the facility. During that period, I have developed prostate cancer. One horse developed severe melanoma, and one dog put down because of cancerous melanoma. [Bell Canyon]*
2. *I am convinced that the SSFL radiation work has had no effects on the surrounding communities. [Bell Canyon]*

Public response from Canoga Park:

3. *My friend who died of cancer talked about the current problems with groundwater contamination. He fought a fire many years ago without any protective gear. [Canoga Park]*
4. *The family I stayed with lost 2 horses, 2 dogs, and 1 cat – all to cancer. I personally lost my cat to cancer and I'm currently fighting breast cancer. It is my belief that soil and brush are contaminated. [Canoga Park]*
5. *I am an asthmatic and have had many problems through the years that might have been caused by living in the Woolsey Canyon. [Canoga park]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

6. *My next door friend and my neighbor across the street both died from cancer. I am currently being treated for breast cancer. What do you think??!!! [Bobbyboyar Avenue, Canoga Park]*
7. *I met a person inflicted with face cancer. He had worked at the plant & stated he believed his cancer was contracted there. I also know of three other cases of cancer in the past 10 yrs in this area. [Woolsey Canyon, Canoga Park]*
8. *I know a family who lived in the canyon near this facility. The father has lymphatic and lung cancer, and the son has bladder cancer. My next door neighbor's husband died of brain cancer. There is definitely a problem stemming from that facility. You should provide the best water filters to every family. [Canoga Park]*
9. *Am I now afflicted with an autoimune disease because of this! [Canoga Park]*
10. *After living under Rocketdyne hill and my husband worked there, he died at home of cancer. Me, and many neighbors are dying of cancer and leukemia. I'm concerned and need help. [Canoga Park]*
11. *I have a very high heavy metal content in my body. I am beginning to experience hair loss and loss of memory…I would like to see long term studies on the health of the local populace. [Canoga Park]*
12. *My family has lived in San Fernando Valley for decades and all my family members died of cancer. [Canoga Park]*
13. *We have lived in the same home for 28 years. Our family has been suffering frequently for many years with severe headaches, diarrhea, and other ailments. We have strongly suspected the "SSFL" and the other Rockwell facility (De Soto Ave., at Nordhoff). We have heard that the De Soto facility uses and handles nuclear or radioactive materials at that location. We have a great fear that one or both of the facilities has contaminated the water and air in the area. [Community Street, Canoga Park]*
14. *I feel a <u>general</u> survey of former employees' health is needed. For example, I have had major health surgery three times, starting at age 44. If a large number of former employees had similar histories that should be <u>VERY</u> significant. But how do you know if you don't ask? I have never been asked any questions by <u>any</u> agency. (PS. I also have asthma and mild COPD) [Kentland Ave, Canoga Park]*
15. *My husband developed asthma when he was in his late forties, and I am a cancer survivor. I have always wondered if there is any connection. [Canoga Park]*
16. *I have a friend who was raised in Woodland Hills and she is very concerned that she, her 5 siblings and her mom and dad may have been exposed to potential carcinogens. Her mother is now recovering from cancer. [Canoga Park]*
17. *I would like to see more info on cancer clusters in the community. [Canoga Park]*
18. *I am concerned over increased cancer cases. [Canoga Park]*
19. *I am interested in how many cases of cancer victims that have occurred living in this area. Say, like in the years that Rocketdyne has been located up here? How many cases of birth defects have occurred to residents living near Rocketdyne? Why did this investigation begin? [Canoga Park]*
20. *So many people living in the area have gotten cancer – I cannot believe there isn't a causative link to the toxic site. [Canoga Park]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

21. *I would be interested in a cancer research company doing a study on cancer rates due to being subjected to that lab for 40 years!? The Santa Susana winds kick up all kinds of pollution from that place and deposit it on valley homes!! [Canoga Park]*
22. *Certain individuals have pancreatic cancer, a cancer that may be attributed or contributed to by contaminates at SSFL? Are there other target organs affected by or suspected in the release of toxins from SSFL? [Canoga Park]*
23. *I used to work for Rocketdyne in Chatsworth at time cleanup was going on. I believe I was subjected to toxic contamination between 1995 and 1998. [Canoga Park]*
24. *I have certain physical and neurological problems, which I can relate directly to my time and work functions on the hill. [Canoga Park]*
25. *We've lived within this area over 38 years. We'd like to know what we may have contracted healthwise? [Canoga Park]*
26. *I am very concerned with the risk of disease related to the contamination at the SSFL. I support any action that can be taken to cleanup this hazard. The company doing the testing, or the government agencies involved, or whoever funded the testing should be held accountable and pay for the disposal of the contaminated materials. [Canoga Park]*
27. *I have been concerned if our water had any chemicals from the SSFL, or if some fallout came by wind and air from the motors being tested at the facility. [Canoga Park]*
28. *There are many kids in our area and if there is a toxic substance that may be air born in our community we would definitely need to know. We sure don't want our kids getting weird ailments. Please be open to the community and warn us if we need warning. [Canoga Park]*
29. *Why do they let cattle graze around the test site? Who eats the cattle? We do! [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

30. *A lot of the elderly who lived here either died of cancer or had skin cancer! A lot of them moved, I can't afford to move. My daughter and I are always run down, only at home! We just want to sleep all the time. I pray it isn't from the toxins in the air. [Chatsworth]*
31. *Lived at present residence 50 yrs. Wife died of colon cancer 12/24/1999. I survived bladder cancer. [Chatsworth]*
32. *My son had cancer and several animals as well. My asthma has returned after 41 years without incident [Chatsworth].*
33. *Because my wife got cancer and we live so close to the Rocketdyne Laboratory, we were curious as to the affects to the surrounding community. Maybe some waste was carried in the wind or water. We just want to know. [Chatsworth]*
34. *My wife was recently treated for breast cancer, is there a connection? [Chatsworth]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

35. *Several of my neighbors have developed neuromuscular disorders, please send me data on this if available. [Chatsworth]*
36. *I have lived in the area for 30 years. Every dog I owned was plagued by tumors. The groundwater at the reservoir area should be monitored. Local owners of animals should have statistical facts gathered in Canoga Park, Simi, and Chatsworth. I assume human medical statistics have been compiled from the area's medical community? [Chatsworth]*
37. *Three years ago I had radical prostate surgery. I am the only one in my families bloodline who had this type of cancer, what is the incidence of prostate cancer in this area of contamination? [Chatsworth].*
38. *I'm very interested in the impact on general health and specifically cancer rate in the area. My self and four neighbors have had cancer. [Chatsworth]*
39. *I have had a couple of incidence of skin cancer and wonder if there is a correlation. [Chatsworth]*
40. *When my daughter was 11 years old she had a cancerous brain tumor. She went to Chatsworth Park Elementary School. One teacher died of a blood disease, several teachers had breast cancer. The school's plant manager had breast cancer (male). Our principle died at the age of 33 of a brain aneurysm – she dropped dead. Could our school be contaminated, a "sick" school? [Chatsworth]*
41. *People on our block have been diagnosed with various types of cancers, including me. I feel this can be an environmental problem and I am interested in hearing facts. [Chatsworth]*
42. *I live in Chatsworth and have since 1976. In 1998 I developed breast cancer and had surgery, chemo and radiation. Thank God, I'm doing very well. [Chatsworth]*
43. *I've lived here nine years and last year developed cancer. [Chatsworth]*
44. *Interested if site might have caused other diseases other than cancer, such as Parkinson's Disease? I and several neighbors have contracted Parkinson's Disease. [Chatsworth]*
45. *My wife has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and is now completely incapable. This all started in 1971, to our knowledge there is also a neighbor that has M.S. [Chatsworth]*
46. *My father James worked there for 10 years. He was present on site when they had the partial meltdown July 1959. He walked into the reactor room in accident. He also helped with fire protection. They had him shower, gave him fresh clothes, and sent him home. They sent his "hot" clothes home in a bag for my mom to launder while she was pregnant with me. I miss my dad. He died of cancer February 1998 [Chatsworth].*
47. *My wife died at age 57 of colon cancer. We bought our current home and moved into this area in May 1958. She was 26 years old at the time. I had a malignant melanoma on my head diagnosed and operated on in October 1972. It was caught in sufficient time for this radical surgery to have saved my life. If <u>any</u> radiation connected from this site is ever proven to have impacted my home and life, I must know about it! [Chatsworth]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

48. *My grandfather was an EE at Rocketdyne, and died of cancer when I was one year old. My grandmother, mother, and aunt are due to receive funds from the class-action law suite reward re health related job hazards at this facility. [Chatsworth]*
49. *We have lived in the Canoga Park/Chatsworth area for over 35 years, we have had cancer. [Chatsworth]*
50. *I just moved from that immediate area. I now live in Chatsworth. I did live in Simi Valley in those hills. I lived there for 6 years. I had a tumor removed that was cancerous. [Chatsworth]*
51. *You need to answer and ask more important questions! E.g. how many people in your family developed cancer? Was there any history of cancer in the family? My answer: My Son Bob died of a rare brain cancer. His son Michael has leukemia. No history of cancer, and we researched no drugs, no smoking, no drinking. You need to insist that the Fed.'s do a thorough investigation of cancer rates in the valley. Many students lived further away in valley, but went to school in Chatsworth and Canoga Park. Many cancer victims have moved to other states. [Chatsworth]*
52. *My wife died of ovarian cancer. She commented before her death that quite a few people here died from cancer. [Chatsworth]*
53. *Above average of cancer patients and cancer deaths in our community in the past five years. [Chatsworth]*
54. *People in neighborhoods with high incidence of cancer related diseases are concerned. People disserve factual information provided by an unbiased agency, not "PR" by laboratory officials. In-depth reporting (after intensive research) must occur. [Chatsworth]*
55. *This is a very high concern of mine. I know of many people whom have died of various cancers, and have become ill, found tumors, cysts, etc (all living near this area). What is really going on??? [Chatsworth]*
56. *What studies have you done on the number of cancer patients surrounding SSFL? How can I get a copy? [Chatsworth]*
57. *Need statistical and demographic information, or research the effect, especially any abnormal increase of disease, examples of cancer etc. [Chatsworth]*
58. *There are a number of individuals who have come down with cancer in the Chatsworth area. We want to know what you are doing to find out the degree of contamination and total area that is affected. [Chatsworth]*
59. *I have been very interested and concerned about this facility. Allergies in this area have been extremely bad for local citizens! What are we exposed to as residents of Chatsworth? Are headaches related to emissions from the facility? [Chatsworth]*
60. *What were we exposed to by working up there a long time back? [Chatsworth]*
    My husband worked there early 50's. My husband died of kidney failure. He lost one kidney, and I wonder if his exposure could have contributed to his death? I am 82 now, a widow, and don't know who to contact, or what to do about checking this out. [Chatsworth]

Public comment relating to health continued:

61. *I am interested in any health problems that have been reported in connection with this site, and how the cleanup will take place [Chatsworth].*
62. *Many employees at the Canoga Park facility were exposed to harmful toxic substances as well as those that worked at SSFL. A lot of toxic substances used at the Canoga complex of Rocketdyne were kept secret from employees involved. [Chatsworth]*
63. *Many of our old friends and neighbors have passed away with cancer who have been raised in this area to not take this as coincidental. Needless to say we no longer drink the water from our faucets. [Chatsworth]*
64. *I worked for Hughes Aircraft Company (located immediately south of Rocketdyne). There has been an unusually high number of cancer cases in my fellow employees. [Chatsworth]*
65. *I am aware of the investigation. I am also aware of a higher incidence of cancer in people raised around this area. Do all you can! Living fairly near this site I am concerned for our health in this otherwise beautiful and historic area. Thank you. [Chatsworth]*
66. *My family has lived in this area for forty years, very concerned!! [Chatsworth]*
67. *Very interesting in knowing the facts regarding past exposure to toxins and possible negative health outcome. [Chatsworth]*
68. *I just want to know which neighborhoods, specifically, might be affected and how they are affected. [Chatsworth]*
69. *Please inform if toxic dump is dangerous! [Chatsworth]*
70. *Do an epidemiological-study now, and quickly release the results to people in the area. Computers could make this fast and easy. GPS systems can show you where and when address are put in. [Chatsworth]*
71. *Appreciate efforts to protect children of the community. [Chatsworth]*
72. *Very concerned about health issues & genetic/birth defects related to SSFL. [Chatsworth]*
73. *We live in Chatsworth by Devonshire and Mason. Are we very close to the problem area. Is this something very major that can harm our health? I also think every day toxic problems are happening everywhere and we are not aware. [Chatsworth]*
74. *I have a child now I'm worried about contaminated water. Strange how your focus changes in life, wanting the best for your child. Any information would be nice. Thank you. [Chatsworth]*
75. *As a resident of Lake Manor since 1983, I am especially interested in any issues regarding disease or health. [Chatsworth]*
76. *I live far away (several miles) from the site in question, and don't know how contamination could effect me. What kind of contamination? Atmospherics? Soil? Water table? [Chatsworth]*
77. *My daughter's hair fell-out, could this be attributed to any of this? She was born in this house, and lived here most of her life. She just turned 21 and lost her hair at end of the 8th and 9th grade. Treatment did not work. [Septo St., Chatsworth]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

Public response from Encino:

78. What is the role of toxic substances causing multiple sclerosis? [Encino]

Public response from Granada Hills:

79. Although I have no epidemiological proof, as a physician, I have treated a number of people who live in West Hills who have developed unusual tumors. I believe that there are clusters of illness out there. [Granada Hills]

80. Rocketdyne employed my past husband from 1963 to 1965. He worked at the Rocketdyne Santa Susana Field test site for about a year. He was exposed to whatever toxic substances were released at the test site. Five years ago he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and underwent surgery. Please let me know if you need his name, address, & phone number. He currently lives in Santa Clarita. [Granada Hills]

81. Concerned, re cancer, clean groundwater. [Granada Hills]

82. I'm very concerned - The National Cancer Society reports on 4-20-2001, that one in four people will contract some form of cancer in their lifetime. Further, three or four cases will be from environmental concern i.e. toxic wastes from the Rocketdyne Santa Susana Field Laboratory that ruin the water supply. We drink with toxic wastes and chromium etc. Burbank and Glendale has had a lot of problems with toxic wastes, chromium ruining their wells and drinking water causing cancer. [Granada Hills]

83. I am interested because it is a beautiful area and I would hate to think that it has been damaged. I am also curious about health issues as I worked in the area several years ago. [Granada Hills]

84. I was very disappointed in the executive summary of the UCLA Rocketdyne Public Health Report. It was written in part by local and well known activists. It lacked credibility, and misrepresented the findings of the report. Unfortunately, the executive summary was widely reported, not the report itself. [Granada Hills]

85. I used to live in Santa Susana between February 1976 through August 1980. During that time the teachers at the Knolls Elementary School were told to get their thyroid checked as they had been exposed to radiation from Rocketdyne. I remember also as a child growing up in the valley during the 1950s and 1960s that the hills in Santa Susana would light up at night as if from explosions. [Granada Hills]

86. I had small children and we were living near the Rocketdyne Facility. Now as adults they appear to be good and healthy. I was concerned at the time, and had friends at Rocketdyne and heard rumors regarding chemical disposal. [Granada Hills]

87. As a health care professional (R.N.). I am very concerned about the contamination. I feel there has been a cover-up by government agencies. [Granada Hills]

88. The thought of carelessness and toxic substances is a disturbing possibility. Safety should be the top concern. [Granada Hills]

Public comment relating to health continued:

89. *Rocketdyne Santa Susana is a human tragedy that should never have been allowed to happen. Having been employed in Aerospace in the past, I can assure you that the probability of more of these situations will occur. [Granada Hills]*

Public response from Hidden Hills:

90. *Are epidemiological studies being undertaken? And by what group? [Hidden Hills]*

Public response from Northridge:

91. *I had cervical cancer in 1983, my daughter had cancer in May 2000. We have lived here since 1975. One neighbor (woman) just passed away from a matasterized breast cancer at age 53. She had lived here since 1976. Another woman that moved to Arizona but kept in touch died of lung cancer a year ago. The neighbor across the street was treated for second stage uterine cancer two years ago. I would say there is a very high incidence of cancer in this neighborhood. There are actually two more health cases I almost forgot to mention. [Northridge]*
92. *Is the facility on Nordhoff and De Soto included? I would like information on the history of the site and any airborne releases. I have lived here since 1960 and I'm curious about that. By the way, my mother died two years ago from breast cancer, is there any relationship? [Northridge]*
93. *I believe our toxic environment is the cause of many illnesses today. [Northridge]*
94. *I lead a cub-scout pack in Chatsworth that often hikes and camps in the Chatsworth Hills, including Woolsey Canyon. We have concerns with site contamination, condition of the waterways, and potential impact on wildlife. [Northridge]*
95. *We've considered moving closer to the area (into Chatsworth) but I'm not nuts about potential pollution. I think it also might affect property rates. [Northridge]*
96. *People need to know the potential toxins in the environment – especially pregnant women. [Northridge]*
97. *I have an aunt who lives up Woolsey Canyon. I would like more information re exactly which toxic substances are in question, if they have been contained, and if they were stored in drums. If there was leakage, to what extent. I would also like to know symptoms of exposure, etc. [Northridge]*
98. *We all need to be advised as to how this impacts our property and health. [Northridge]*

Public response from Porter Ranch:

99. *Please keep us informed of dangers. [Porter Ranch]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

Public response from Santa Susana:

100. I lived at top of Rainey Road from 1987 to 1991, I was on well water. Had a few strange situations with children's health. [Santa Susana]

Public response from Simi Valley:

101. My brother and I have very odd health problems. Who do we contact, and what do we do? [Katherine St., Simi Valley]

102. I know several people who have worked there. I have also experienced the death of my father. A couple of years before my father died he begged me to have my water tested. I and my neighbors' kids used to hike up there. We once climbed inside a big barrel with some crystal looking substance. The barrel is now gone, it has been gone since 1999 or 2000. Ever since I took all those teenagers hiking and we went into that drum, three of those girls have had babies. One girl was pregnant at the time. I have a picture of where the tank was. The substance inside was a crystallized and burgundy in color. It wasn't rust. My son used to get nose bleeds all the time when we lived in the Knolls. My uncle survived a brain tumor. My grandpa died of emphysema, my aunt has all kings of problems, and my other aunt survived stomach cancer. [Simi Valley]

103. One feels now that it is all too late, nothing will help in my time. I am 82 and therefore what damage is done and already over (prostrate cancer). [Simi Valley]

104. We have lived at this address since 1972. My wife had breast cancer; stage 2 in November 1996 I had two surgeries, Chemotherapy and Radiation in 1997. [Charing St., Simi Valley]

105. I am concerned. Both my parents worked at this facility, both are deceased. My family and I have lived in Simi Valley for many years. I am wondering what effect the contamination may have had on our health. [Simi Valley]

106. Father-in-law worked at Rocketdyne on the hill, he died of lung cancer. A lot of people on our block have had cancer or other health problems. We lived in Canoga Park area during earlier years, and I feel Rocketdyne contributed to many deaths and illnesses. [Vera Ct., Simi Valley]

107. A lot of people on our street have become ill, including my husband and I. [Fasley Ave., Simi Valley]

108. I retired from Rocketdyne in 1993. Worked at SSFL on the Space Shuttle Main Engine, Apollo, and Lance Missile. Prostate cancer removal operation in 1997. Semi annual check-ups show no further evidence of cancer. I do not know of any direct contamination to the environment by Rocketdyne. [Simi Valley]

109. My wife died of cancer after moving to Simi Valley. Toxic sites are always suspected. [Simi Valley]

110. My father died of pancreatic and liver cancer that we believe was related to exposure to the chemicals and radioactive substances located at the SSFL. [Simi Valley]

Public comment relating to health continued:

111. *I moved into a home in the shadow of Rocketdyne and I lost a very healthy and young dog to tumors and cancer within two years. [Texas Ave., Simi Valley]*
112. *We are upset about the news that our property may be affected. We have had fertility problems and our neighbor's dog got sick. We left Burbank due to the Lockheed mess, now we are faced with more pollution. Please help us. Our friends have died prematurely of brain and bladder cancer. We don't want to end up like them. [Simi Valley, Cowgirl Ct.]*
113. *My brother-in-law lived on Beechnut Street and developed thyroid cancer from living close to the facility. [Simi Valley]*
114. *Three years ago I was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma of which there is no cure for at this time. I have lived and worked in Simi Valley since 1981. I heard through the grape vine just recently that there is a class action law suite pending regarding people getting serious illness such as mine possibly due to contamination of hazardous waste from the site. I would like more information on this to know if my residence and/or work site may have been affected. Please keep me informed. I would be happy to answer any questions on this matter. [Simi Valley]*
115. *I had skin cancer – melanoma, and knew someone with breast cancer. I'm not sure if this site produces cancer or not? Husband died of cancer. [Simi Valley]*
116. *I have had a cancerous tumor by my pancreas. My son's friend's father died of pancreatic cancer. My co-worker's parents died of cancerous tumors. She will not drink the water. Another co-worker's sister died of pancreatic cancer. Please look into people in Simi Valley having cancer, especially tumor cancers. If at all it relates to SSFL. Thank you! [Simi Valley]*
117. *Both of my dogs died of cancer. I have had cancer. [Melia Street, Simi Valley]*
118. *A number of women from my breast cancer support group would discuss their participation in various meetings relating to clean up of the site. [Simi Valley]*
119. *My great uncle passed away with cancer when I was 12 years old (I'm now 34). He was an employee at Rocketdyne. Although the family didn't make the connection at the time, I'm sure it was a direct result of his employment. [Simi Valley]*
120. *My husband worked for Rockwell and died of lung cancer. I raised 10 children while living at Katherine St. Simi Valley. I am concerned as to their and my health due to living so close to SSFL for 10 years. [Simi Valley]*
121. *We lived below Rocketdyne for 35 years. I have a nerve condition that I feel is caused by the fall-out. I have a neighbor with the same condition. [Whitewood St., Simi Valley]*
122. *What I do know is a little girl of four years old died of cancer. Numerous tumors were removed from her kidneys and stomach. [Simi Valley]*
123. *I want to be made aware of what is happening in my community. I have been a Simi resident for 29 yrs. I have had three friends die of cancer (all Simi residents). My father had a brain tumor, my mother had breast cancer. Two of my father's friends in same area of Simi developed brain tumors. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

124. *Our son and his family live on the other side of Simi Valley on Oak Road. His mother-in-law died of cancer just recently. The trailer park manager's wife in adjacent area just died of the same type of cancer. Some of these folks are on original water wells, hand dug on eastside of Simi Valley. Little is know about these wells or pollution in the area. One neighbor has an original hand dug well; I think the first one in Simi Valley. The water tank was where cattle were branded. Herding from San Fernando Valley over the old stage coach road (Rocky Peak Pass) to Simi Valley. [Simi Valley]*
125. *Worked for Atomic International and Rocketdyne for 9 yrs (1959 through 1963), and lived in my current house for the past 35 yrs. My daughter contracted and was treated for thyroid cancer at age 42. Ongoing Class Action Law Suite. [Simi Valley]*
126. *I have lived in the San Fernando Valley and Simi Valley for 51 years. A good friend of mine living in the Susana Knolls area died of cancer in her 40's. Has air been poisoned too? Yes, I'm very interested! [Simi Valley]*
127. *We live ¼ mile from the facility for the past 30 years. My health, breathing, sinus has gotten worse. [Simi Valley]*
128. *Heard about nuclear waste may have been spilled, also heard about cancer rates on that side of Simi Valley. [Simi Valley]*
129. *Several years ago I read about an increase in leukemia cases on the southeast side of Simi Valley. I am concerned that our drinking water and/or ground contaminants are causing it. We lost a good friend in his late 40's to the disease. [Simi Valley]*
130. *I have heard of concerns about the health of people who lived near the facility. Higher cancer rates, especially bladder cancer in men who lived on the west hills side of the site. [Simi Valley]*
131. *I heard incidents of blood cancer are many times greater among residents in areas around the site. We live in the basin, and would like more information about this effect plus water hazards, etc. [Simi Valley]*
132. *We are concerned over the many friends and animals that have come up with cancer after living in this area. [Simi Valley]*
133. *Do you have any maps that pinpoint the location of cancers? [Simi Valley]*
134. *I don't think enough is being done to cleanup this area. Also, there is a <u>high</u> incidence of mental retardation, Twitte's Syndrome, autism, thyroid disease, and breast cancer in the east end of Simi, Texas tract and Indian Hills, especially in children. Check out the schools in the area. [Simi Valley]*
135. *I am extremely concerned about a report I had once heard about the unusually high amount of cases of cancer of people living in the eastside of Simi Valley. It was assumed to be a direct result of the SSFL. [Simi Valley]*
136. *Please keep sending information to us. Over the years, even before a lot of information started appearing, we observed many deaths near White Oak Elementary area on Alscot and Nelda. [Simi Valley]*
137. *Heard a lot about cancer in our area, unusual kinds. Heard of a lot of children's learning disabilities in our area also (children now grown to college age & past). [Simi Valley]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

138. *I understand that the Simi Valley Unified School District Adult Education is conducting an environment test. Our site (Adult School) has been tested. The Adult School has had high incidents of cancer and other diseases. We at the Adult School feel our environment has toxins. Many of us live in Simi and work in Simi. [Simi Valley]*
139. *As a result of this chemical and radioactive contamination are there any unusual or high rates of cancer or other health problems in the area around the Rocketdyne site towards the areas of east Simi Valley, Santa Susana, Bell Canyon, and west San Fernando Valley? If the answer to the above is no, then this is much ado about nothing. If it is yes, then what is the delay in cleanup? [Simi Valley]*
140. *I know that there has been a very high incidence in cancer for many people in Simi Valley. Perhaps its cause was Rocketdyne and the runoff into the water system. [Simi Valley]*
141. *Our family lived at Crown Hill Rd, Simi for 16 years. One of the closest homes to Rocketdyne. My main concern is my families' health in the future, as I know that many of my former neighbors have health problems! [Simi Valley]*
142. *I have worked for the Boeing Company for over 25 years. There has been information passed through the division about hazardous materials at SSFL. I machined end fittings for nuclear reactor fuel elements and was exposed to low level radiation once. If there were a way to screen for cancer (full body CT) I would entertain the opportunity. [Simi valley]*
143. *DTSC should actively seek out local occupational health groups, American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine to have speakers at meetings on the status of occupational issues that occurred for workers at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. These groups need to be included because of where they are positioned in the community to get the word out. [Simi Valley]*
144. *Our family is concerned that the town and surroundings are thoroughly examined. None of us want to raise our children in an unhealthy environment. Thank you for your services. [Simi Valley]*
145. *We would like to know any information regarding the risk to my family living so close to the SSFL. [Simi Valley]*
146. *Contact medical doctors, hospitals, and veterinarians to find out what type of health disorders are much higher out here compared to Thousand Oaks, Santa Barbara etc. [Simi Valley]*
147. *Concerned whether this contamination can cause birth defects? I have a current lesion in my fetus. [Simi Valley]*
148. *Just close it down & clean it up! I know lots of people that have cancer around here. Close it down and clean it up! [Simi Valley]*
149. *I use the Sage Ranch Park daily. I am running right next to the facility and wonder if it is safe to breathe the air? [Simi Valley]*
150. *I would like to know if the toxic substances in question pose a serious health issues to this community. Is groundwater affected etc. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

151. *I'm concerned about my own health due to the SSFL problem. I have lived in our family home since 1962, and I'm the last of my family. I can't afford to move, and I don't have any health insurance at the moment. I've read a great many things about this problem, and I believe that my health is being compromised by this ongoing problem. [Simi Valley]*
152. *We find it confusing how a case of cervical cancer, or lung cancer in a smoker, could have triggered the kind of investigation that we as tax payer's are now being made to pay for. [Simi Valley]*
153. *The work done at SSFL was essential for the security of our country, and the test reactor, rocket testing and hot-cell testing was something that got us on the moon and improved our lives. There is no danger to the public unless they live at the base of the mountains and drink well water (maybe). I have lived within its influence area for 31 years and it has not affected mine or anyone else's health. [Simi Valley]*
154. *This has not affected me and I have no further comments [Simi Valley].*
155. *This concerns me a great deal because I've lived right in the area for years. Where is the contamination? I'm hoping it won't affect my health. [Simi Valley]*
156. *After presently living in the general area of the facility for years, I am concerned re health problems, etc, and the cleanup delay. [Simi Valley]*
157. *Be honest and true, is our drinking water safe? What is my health going to be? [Simi Valley]*
158. *I don't believe that this site is cleaned up. A proper epidemiological study should be done in the area near by. [Simi Valley]*
159. *Please let us know if the water is bad to use for showers and baths. They used to dump toxins into our water supply. We try drinking bottled water only. [Simi Valley]*
160. *I have concerns for water table water runoff into drinking water. [Simi Valley]*
161. *We need to make sure the land we live on is not toxic for the health and safety of all our children. [Simi Valley]*
162. *I am concerned because I lived below Rocketdyne for 20 + years, I also worked in Chatsworth for 20 years. [Simi Valley]*
163. *Please make sure the local schools, especially Katherine and Knolls Elementary Schools are safe regarding air, water, ground, etc. [Simi Valley]*
164. *Why does it take so long to do so little, these big Corporations get away with murder. They care only for money, not people. [Simi Valley]*
165. *I currently moved to the Simi area. I have a two-year old son. This is why I'm concerned. [Simi Valley]*
166. *I'm interested in anything connected to where I live, especially if it is health related, and if I can do anything to help improve our City and health. [Simi Valley]*
167. *We have the feeling that the public has not been told the complete truth and that facts regarding health risks have been minimized to prevent public outcry. We would appreciate a more asserted effort and complete disclosure. Thank you. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

168. *Please mail me any information regarding exposure symptoms, locations of highest concentrations, etc. Thank you. [Simi Valley]*
169. *Does the Ventura County Public Health and other Departments have all the pertinent information regarding your efforts and possible long term health risks? Simi residents are very concerned, though haven't heard of any County programs addressing this issue. I am a public health nurse for Ventura County, I see clients in Simi Valley. [Simi Valley]*
170. *This situation is overblown. Just because people have cancer does not mean that someone is responsible, or that a responsible party exists? [Simi Valley]*
171. *I recently moved to Simi Valley, resident for 1 year. I am very concerned about living next to Rocketdyne: (1) Are there hazardous substances at the SSFL? (2) Living next to the SSFL is there a risk to nearby neighbors? [Simi Valley]*

Public response from Susana Knolls:

172. *I have lived in sight and hearing of Rocketdyne since 1957. I and all my four sons have been ill. All of us have had heart defects, high blood pressure, asthma (me), coughs, allergies (exema), eye infections, diabetes (me), high anxiety, sleeplessness, and memory loss. Last child was born with no trachea and esophagus, two sons died at 4 months. [Alta Vista, Susana Knolls]*

Public response from Tahoe City:

173. *I have lived in the West Valley area since 1960. I am interested in any known public health issues. [Tahoe City]*

Public response from West Hills:

174. *My father just passed away after living in the area for over 40 years. I am interested in this since I have been living in the area for over 30 years myself. Thank you. [West Hills]*
175. *I have lived directly below east of the facility for 45 years and have many health problems and I'm confined to a hospital bed at home. We have a pool, for 45 years I was outside almost 10 hours a day. The testing went on constantly. Steam etc drifted down with the wind. Now I have many health problems. I believe that the years of exposure are the problem. [West Hills]*
176. *Four men on my street have died of cancer near Valley Circle and Victory. [West Hills]*
177. *I have bladder cancer, which I feel is directly attributed to the radioactive waste discharged by Rocketdyne. [Bobbyboyar Ave., West Hills]*
178. *I have a son who was born with Lynphangioma and henangioma tumors and Cystic hygroma which may be related to the activities at Rocketdyne. [Dennis Lane, West Hills]*
179. *I am concerned that my son contracted Chrons disease due to this. [West Hills]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

180. *In February 2000, I was diagnosed with breast cancer, I had surgery in March. Since there was cancer involvement in my lymph nodes, I underwent three and a half months of chemotherapy followed by 5 weeks of radiation (Monday through Friday). [Neddy Ave., West Hills]*
181. *I worked at Rocketdyne, my doctor said my bladder cancer was from the 'Hill." All my neighbors died of cancer all had kidney cancer & tumors. [Ponce Ave., West Hills]*
182. *I accidentally let my dogs drink from the Chatsworth park stream, it caused cancer and tumors. I cut short my one dogs life. When the winds blew it affected my allergies and medicine didn't work or help. I was told that it was your site that made me sicker then normal. My partner and his good friend had brain tumors, the one friend died. [West Hills]*
183. *Three neighbors have died of cancer living many years within 500 feet of our residence. We have had three dogs and one cat die with tumors and cancer in the last 10 years. They all lived out of doors. One additional neighbor now has lung cancer. [Kentland Ave., West Hills]*
184. *We moved to our home in 1999, and now there are three neighbors that live across from us who have cancer. I don't know if they got it from somewhere else. I have never lived where people around me in different homes have cancer [Ellenview Ave., West Hills]*
185. *My husband died of cancer. I'm very worried about the toxic problem. I raised my family here. We never dreamed. [Maestro Ave., West Hills]*
186. *We have lived here since 1967. We know of illness and cancer. My daughter has an immune disease and my husband has lupus of the skin. I think this is because of contamination from the site. [Valley Circle Blvd., West Hills]*
187. *Me and neighbors have had cancer. My address was once Canoga Park. Has now been changed to West Hills. [West Hills]*
188. *My wife was diagnosed with breast cancer 9/8/1998. Could this be related? [Bobbyboyare Ave., West Hills]*
189. *How does this effect our property value, and the quality of our water? I am concerned about the drinking water causing cancer. Have heard filters are not effective with the water from the area. [West Hills]*
190. *Lived in the area since 1965, and have observed high rate of leukemia. [Mobile St., West Hills]*
191. *We have a son who is disabled due to extreme chemical sensitivity. Did it occur due to the drinking water? [West Hills]*
192. *Strange smell at night between 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. [Farralone Ave., West Hills]*
193. *I am very concerned about health risks. [West Hills]*
194. *As an individual who grew up within close proximity to this site, I am very eager to acquire information with regards to health issues, past and present. [West Hills]*
195. *I only know if any toxic substances are found they should be taken care of. When I moved here, I thought it safe.[West Hills]*
196. *What is being done re: exposure in 60's, 70's etc? [West Hills]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

197. *We are parents of two children and our family enjoys hiking in the hills and trails above our home and below SSFL. In the first year we lived in the area, our children waded in small waterfalls and creeks below SSFL, which we subsequently forbid them to do again, but we are worried about potential exposure risks. [West Hills]*
198. *As a resident property owner of 35 years, what consequences and effects has this had on me? [West Hills]*
199. *We have lived here 34 years. When land around here was vacant, we used to see strange green glowing ground level clouds or balls at night. This is consistent with radiation release. This is now a high cancer area, I known for bladder, lung, and colon cancer, etc. [West Hills]*
200. *I would like to know what dangers were back in the 60's and 70's. [West Hills]*
201. *I am concerned about any medical ramifications. I would appreciate being contacted in this regard. [West Hills]*
202. *After 35 yrs of living fairly close to the SSFL, we are concerned. Working at Simi High School also poses a concern. Any effects on water supply? [West Hills]*
203. *Parents, schools, and teachers should be involved in concern of what effects could be caused to our health and our future generations. What things are being done to protect future health and our children's future generations? [West Hills]*
204. *I am concerned because I worked at the SSFL from 1960 to 1965. If I were exposed to any toxicity I would be interested in any precautions I should take. [West Hills]*
205. *I am concerned about the site's contamination and its impact on the health of my family and the community. [West Hills]*
206. *What are the current health dangers to me and my family, if any! [West Hills]*
207. *I want to know if living in Northridge for the last 43 years has endangered my life and health. [West Hills]*
208. *We have lived in this home since 1968. Spouse was diagnosed with bladder cancer 5 yrs ago. We are concerned about the toxic substances from SSFL and their possible link to serious illness. [Burton St., West Hills]*
209. *In 1995 my wife of 49 years passed away! She spent most of her life in this house! She did not work. She tended our children and spent time with the PTA and other activities with the school. When she passed away, every organ in her body had failed! All the records are at UCLA Medical Center! It is suspected the fall-out from Rocketdyne was partly to blame for the failure! However, no one knows for sure. She was 71 years old at the time. [Quimby Ave., West Hills]*
210. *My dad worked there. He also died due to radiation exposure. My parents filed a workman's compensation claim and it was dismissed because BOEING attorneys lied about what went on up on the hill. [West Hills]*
211. *I have had a cancer, and I'm concerned for my wife and kids. [West Hills]*
212. *My mother lived in the area for 30 yrs and died from cancer of the lungs? [West Hills]*
213. *My wife has developed "Lymphoma" since moving to West Hills in 1993. We would like to know if this has any relationship to contamination? [West Hills]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

214. *I'm not sure if it's the same SSFL but my friend's sister had cancer because of some toxic elements in the Simi Valley area when they were growing up. I'm definitely interested in any contaminants that would endanger my son's and the rest of my family's health. [West Hills]*
215. *In the past 2 yrs we have had three cats that died from heart failure. All were young (1 –2 yrs old) and well cared for. Vets have said this is highly unusual. Moorcroft Ave., West Hills].*
216. *I have been at this address since 1961. I am concerned as to what extent this has affected my four children. One of which is a Downsindrom child. [West Hills]*
217. *My concern is the health of living beings in the contaminated areas. I suffered cancer between 1994 and 1996. I just hope this was not the cause. [West Hills]*
218. *The east-end of Simi and the west-end of the San Fernando Valley have a higher rate of cancer per capita compared to the rest of the U.S. The land where we hike and ride bikes is contaminated and we were never told. This cover-up has been going on for 40 years. Business needs to take responsibility from mistakes. Accidents happen with progress, but inform the people when they occur. [West Hills]*
219. *I would like to know about any potential health risks and studies documenting cancer rates and types occurring or have occurred in this area surrounding the SSFL! [West Hills]*
220. *I am extremely concerned about the abnormally high incidents of autism, and speaking disorders around Woodland Hills and West Hills. [West Hills]*
221. *1961, 1962, or 1963, I know a meltdown occurred. Many people have contracted cancer due to the cover-up. [West Hills]*
222. *I know of high incidents of certain types of cancer from airborne releases of toxic fuel burn-off. [West Hills]*
223. *Of approximately 20 homes of 69 Hundred Block of Melba Ave (91307) a quick estimation shows that 12 seniors (55-70) died of various cancers. Is this above average? Any explanations? [West Hills]*
224. *I live very close to the facility and need to know if I'm in any danger of contacting cancer or other diseases from contamination. [West Hills]*
225. *With so much cancer among our relatives and friends, it is of great concern to us that hazards such as you mention should be eliminated. What good is a beautiful area if it is unsafe to live in? [West Hills]*
226. *I am fairly concerned about high cancer rates in our neighborhood, and would certainly have more peace of mind knowing that some concerted cleanup effort is underway. What are the toxic chemicals causing so much harm? [West Hills]*
227. *I know there was a meltdown in the 1950's. I grew up around the block from the Chatsworth reservoir. So many of my neighbors died of cancer. [West Hills]*
228. *Sage Ranch is where we take youth on overnight trips, is it safe to do so? [West Hills]*
229. *Please let me know of illnesses discovered in the covered area. My family has lived here since May 1969. [West Hills]*
230. *As a 30 year resident in the affected area. My entire family has concerns about the possible exposure to any materials which might harm us. [West Hills]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

231. *I am interested in knowing the SSFL's effect on public health in West Hills. [West Hills]*
232. *What is my health risk? Should I be drinking bottled water? Do water filters protect me? Your map is very vague. I want to know exactly the names of the streets surrounding it and which direction the water flows from it. [West Hills]*
233. *I would like information on how contaminated the facility is and how it can effect me and my children. [West Hills]*
234. *I am very concerned about the potential health hazards to me and my family. I would like to be kept aware of what is happening with the cleanup. [West Hills]*
235. *If this is something that does or can have an effect on our health because of where we live, please advise me. [West Hills]*
236. *I am interested in any information that relates to health risks for the area I live in. My wife and I have lived in the same location (near the Platt Branch County Library) for over 35 years. [West Hills]*
237. *As I enjoy growing vegetables for the family, should I be concerned about contamination? [West Hills]*

Public response from West Village:

238. *I'd like to know findings for people who lived there in 1970 through 2000. Any health problems reported!! [West Village]*

Public response from Winnetka:

239. *I have been diagnosed with a very rare cancer of the pancreas in which is now being treated. My doctor does not know how I got this. [Eccles St., Winnetka]*
240. *Thanks for keeping us informed. I am very concerned about health-related issues for my family. [Winnetka]*

Public response from Woodland Hills:

241. *My wife has had colon cancer, and I have had skin cancer six times. [Philiprimm St., Woodland Hills].*
242. *I, along with 60 + others that I know of within a 5 mile radius of SSFL have contracted cancer. [Friar St., Woodland Hills]*
243. *Very concerned about the health effects from the testing site. Especially since we have lived in this area for 42 years (since 1960). I would want information as to what to look for regarding our health. My family has had cancer and I'm wondering if this could be due to testing in early 1960's. Need to know progress of cleanup and how it affects us today. [Crossen Drive, Woodland Hills]*
244. *I'm very interested in being added to your database as my daughter has suffered with two bouts of cancer requiring removal of her thyroid and one breast. Plus there are other facilities in the West San Fernando Valley that also need to be investigated. [Woodland Hills]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

245. *It seems that all or most people 50+ yrs old in Valley Circle Estates are getting cancer and many have died. These cancer diseases could be a result of Rocketdyne's facility. [Woodland View Drive, Woodland Hills]*
246. *We are concerned that so many cases of cancer are appearing to the north of us. We recommend a complete medical survey and study of all residents within a 5-mile area of the site. [Woodland Hills]*
247. *Someone living in our West Valley area once told me he knew of an unusually high number of cancer victims in this area and he insisted that it was due to the Rocketdyne Santa Susana Lab. [Woodland Hills]*
248. *When my husband worked there, they knew of the spill, but did not know it was a health threat. My husband was dispatched to the SSFL by his local union. They refused any help in this matter, my husband died, May 18, 1986, of leukemia. [Woodland Hills]*
249. *My concern would be for previous employees, which I believe you are evaluating now. We are all interested in environment, but there should be definite limitations that companies should be responsible for. [Woodland Hills]*
250. *The word needs to get out that there are too many sick people! [Woodland Hills]*
251. *Do the large amounts of cancer cases in our neighborhood have any relation to what is going on? Breast cancer, prostate cancer, and brain cancer! [Woodland Hills]*
252. *I think there should be a study of the health of long-term residents who live or have lived within a five-mile radius of the site. [Woodland Hills]*
253. *I am 68 and in good health. I believe the concern over SSFL has been blown out of proportion by adjacent property owners. [Woodland Hills]*

Public response – no name or address given:

254. *I believe Rocketdyne's testing for many years may have been a contributing factor of my developing thyroid cancer. [no address given]*
255. *My husband had the vehicle maintenance and repair contract with Rocketdyne. Needles to say, he and his employer in Canoga Park made the trip many times a day driving down vehicles and returning them. He died in 1974 of cancer at the age of 54. [no address given]*
256. *I have health concerns regarding this site and wonder how they are to be addressed. My husband passed away from brain cancer, and I have wondered if there is any relationship?[no address given]*
257. *Since moving to Granada Hills in 1985, I have developed severe lupus. I am interested to know the link between autoimune disease and this site. [no address given]*
258. *Are incidents of cancer on the increase within the field laboratory environment? We both have developed cancer in the past seven years. We have lived at the current address since January 1969. [no address given]*
259. *I am worried about toxic leakage and cancer affects. [no address given]*

Public comment relating to health continued:

260. *I'm concerned about Rocketdyne's illegal waste disposal and neighbor's deaths from cancer in my neighborhood, women and men alike. I have also have been diagnosed with cancers. [no address given]*
261. *This facility has subjected all the West Valley residents and their children to perils they were not familiar with. They have caused cancer, mental retardation, and birth defects, all of which produced untold human misery, heartaches, sorrow, and pain. Our water supply is poisoned all the way to the ocean. Clean up is not possible! All we can do is diminish future effects. [no address given]*
262. *Contact hospitals, clinics, doctors, churches, with fact sheets and offers of free exams for lung, blood, or other related disorders. [no address given]*
263. *This is very important and we need to know exactly what problems could occur to our health as a result of what takes place. [no address given]*
264. *I don't feel any further need as I am now assured the tap water is safe enough in my vicinity and you can dispense with sending any more material or notices. [no address given]*
265. *Please keep me informed if any serious health hazards would be in existence. [no address given]*
266. *I am only interested if we are in danger of anything that would hurt us. [no address given]*
267. *More than 30 years have passed since I was exposed to the so called radioactive soil and buildings, and no illness that is usually connected with this exposure has shown up. [no address given]*
268. *Residents of immediate area are concerned about: (1) Drinking water being contaminated, (2) Streams and rain water run off that occur annually (some times the water run off looks contaminated, I'm curious if it is tested), (3) The general health and safety of our children in this area. [no address given]*
269. *I would like to know the levels of toxins and what types, and how they may effect the public. What types of preventative care can be taken? [no address given]*
270. *I am extremely concerned about the long term effects. Currently, LAUSD often has meetings near the location. I try to avoid going to that area. [no address given]*
271. *Having grownup in the area and hearing about accidents and testing done has always concerned me. [no address given]*
272. *How does this issue effect me? I live in Granada Hills, 10 to 15 miles and one mountain range from this site. [no address given]*
273. *Distance from the site, and the fact that most strong winds are from north to south make this of a lower priority this far-east. [no address given]*
274. *I have no concern other than my property is far enough away I should not have a problem but feel for people in the immediate area. [no address given]*
275. *My husband and I do not consider our family at risk from contamination from the Rocketdyne site. Are we misguided? [no address given]*
276. *After 17 years of employment at Atomics International, I am still as healthy as a horse. I am now 88 years old. [no address given]*

7.3. Public comment focusing on cleanup activities

Number of Public Responses 244 (7 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Bell Canyon:

1. *I am an Environmental Engineer and I'm quite concerned about possible toxic and radioactive materials that may have contaminated the SSFL and are being released into the environment. I am particularly concerned because Bell Creek runs through my property, and that the SSFL may be located in the watershed from that creek. [Bell Canyon]*
2. *When will the problem be eliminated? [Bell Canyon]*
3. *I still believe my property is contaminated by runoff and groundwater seepage and natural springs which drain on my property in Bell Canyon. Analysis of water shows high metal content, including chromium. [Horseshoe Lane, Bell Canyon]*

Public response from Canoga Park:

4. *I know it exists and there is a question of how much contamination there is, but I do not know specifics. [Canoga Park]*
5. *Cleanup should have a time limit for completion. [Canoga Park]*
6. *What types of toxic substances are located at the site? [Canoga Park]*
7. *What is the air around the site like? [Canoga Park]*
8. *I live in a mobile home near the site, therefore would like to see site made safe. I buy all drinking water and cooking water. [Canoga Park]*
9. *I am interested if the toxic cleanup may have any long-term affect on me, or my wife's health. My concerns may be for no good reason, but I would like to know for sure, and would like to remain informed of any new findings. [Canoga Park]*
10. *Our mobile home overlooked the road and we observed trucks hauling materials away on many occasions. [Canoga Park]*
11. *Do their actions at the SSFL affect our bathing and drinking water? What are the other possible effects, if any? Is this a danger or hazard to my family in any way? [Canoga Park]*
12. *We had some sort of caustic substance in our water pipe coming in directly to the house. I made the mistake of handling some of it, the skin on my hands turned white and I experienced a strong burning sensation. My husband confirmed that this substance burned my hands when he held a small piece between his thumb & finger in which he too received a burn. We don't drink our water because it burns. Department of Water and Power sent someone to test our water. We requested test results without any response from them to date. [Shoop Ave., Canoga Park]*
13. *I'm concerned about our drinking water being contaminated. [Canoga Park]*
14. *It is my opinion that any information related to the contamination should be given to every person. Thank you. [Canoga Park]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

15. *I'm very concerned about contamination and cleanup activities. [Canoga Park]*
16. *I am very concerned about the toxicity of our water. I cannot drink water from the tap because it is discolored and tastes very bad. I wanted to buy a house around this area, but now I don't want to. My neighbor's family and friends are also very concerned with Rocketdyne and how they dumped toxins around Woolsey Canyon. [Vassa Ave., Canoga Park]*
17. *I have had numerous past employees tell me how the toxic waste and chemicals were dumped throughout the area. Employees were told not to say anything, and had to sign papers. I used to live in Box Canyon, Chatsworth from 1974 through 1979. We are all concerned about the dumping that went on for years. [Canoga Park]*
18. *I'm concerned about cleanup efforts and toxic seepage into the water table. I have a farm plot. [Canoga Park]*
19. *I'm interested in the progress of cleanup. I frequently hike and visit parks in the area. [Canoga Park]*
20. *I am very interested in all environmental cleanup efforts near or around my area of residence. Thank you for including my family in this survey. [Canoga Park]*
21. *I am interested in what happens with the cleanup and groundwater contamination. I'm concerned about any health issues as well as the possible loss of value in my properties. [Canoga Park]*
22. *1. Cleanup must be performed fully and to the highest standards. 2. Full disclosure of all past incidents must be made. 3. A full description of plan and progress should be maintained. Make available on Website. [Canoga Park]*
23. *I would like to know where the underground polluted water is moving to. Especially if it is expected to penetrate Canoga Park. [Canoga Park]*
24. *SSFL should be cleaned up to its original condition. If SSFL does not cause higher incidents of cancer (prostate) or others, then what caused it? Many years ago a study was made that said high incidents of cancer near SSFL were not caused by SSFL contamination. How can you be sure of this? [Canoga Park]*
25. *I was wondering if the radioactive waste and rocket fuel can make its way into the drinking water supply? [Canoga Park]*
26. *Our prevailing winds come from that direction. That's my main concern. [Canoga Park]*
27. *Please keep me up to date of any hazardous materials, vapors, or the like, since I do a lot of hiking in that area. Plus, I am concerned of the damage to the animals/birds in that area! [Canoga Park]*
28. *Inform the people of Simi Valley and San Fernando Valley about levels of Uranium and radiation levels in the drinking water measured in pgi/L and compare with health standards. Explain to what extent SSFL is responsible for the high unhealthy levels and what measures will be taken to eliminate the problem. Mail results to all residents in the area! [Canoga Park]*
29. *To me it seems it should be relatively easy to discover some dangerous toxic waste in our homes and around them. Notify us that we are in danger and figure out a way to get rid of it and prevent it from happening again. [Canoga Park]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

Public response from Chatsworth:

30. *I think that the cleanup work is already adequate. No more taxpayer's funds should be spent on this cleanup program. [Chatsworth]*
31. *Have we at Rockpoint in Chatsworth been exposed to any harmful elements? What distance is considered safe? [Chatsworth]*
32. *I see many trucks transporting who knows what out of the site. I think the local residence should be informed when this happens. I have lived here most of my life and I'm raising two children here. I think it should be cleaned up ASAP. [Chatsworth]*
33. *I would like to know if the airborne contaminants have poisoned the earth or land around this area. [Chatsworth]*
34. *Is the water table all contaminated as well as in the air? How does this affect my family health? I have lived in the area for 30 years. [Chatsworth]*
35. *The level of toxic or radioactive contamination at this site poses such an extremely low level of exposure to the public that the level of concern promoted by anti-nuclear, anti-scientific luddites and publicity-seeking politicians and "journalists" is not justifiable. [Chatsworth]*
36. *Gee, is this why Chatsworth Lake was never opened as a recreational facility as was planned in the sixties? Was it a dump for the radioactive waste from the meltdown? Or was it just too close and downwind? [Chatsworth]*
37. *I have lived in Chatsworth for 35 years, and would like to know the reason why they were allowed to dump there waste in those hills for so long. My dad and I are licensed by the Los Angeles County Health Department for swimming pools, and have had to follow the rules with no problems, how can a place that big get away with it? [Chatsworth]*
38. *What has been done to protect my family from contamination? Is there a short or long term implication? [Chatsworth].*
39. *I lived below Rocketdyne on Wolsely Canyon for 4 years. I'm concerned about the drinking water contamination in that area dated between 1983 through 1987. [Chatsworth]*
40. *What we did in the past in the name of national security may have had some justification. When profits by companies are considered without regard to the contamination of our environment by so called executives, this should be considered a crime. A cleanup for their past sins should be paid for by them, not the tax payers. [Chatsworth]*
41. *We are very close to this and want to make sure everything is okay. We have been having trouble with our water smelling like rotten eggs [Chatsworth].*
42. *What are they doing to cleanup this site, and how does water contamination effect our area. [Chatsworth]*
43. *Clean it up, please. [Chatsworth]*
44. *"North American Aviation" now "Boeing" knew for years of contamination at this site. I was employed by N.A.A. for 13 years, 1955 to 1968. [Chatsworth]*
45. *I believe the project should have been cleaned by now. It is moving too slow. [Chatsworth]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

46. *I have tended to feel that the cleanup has been extensive. But I know a group of people who are very concerned. You might consider offering to meet with them. [Chatsworth]*
47. *I am very interested in the environmental condition of the land. I encourage SSFL to stay and continue their worthwhile and economic beneficial activities. I would like to see NO future development of the hills and we should retain all the open space possible. Groundwater contamination and long-term health affects are a concern. Thank you. [Chatsworth]*
48. *(1) When will we know what the contaminants are? (2) How far have they spread? Are the contaminants in our water or air? (3) What can be done about it? (4) When will the remediation begin? (5) When will it be completed and to whose standard? [Chatsworth]*
49. *We don't have any definitive knowledge of: (1) What are the contaminants? (2) What are the acceptable levels? (3) What is/will being done about this issue? (4) Why does it take my postage to send back this survey? [Chatsworth]*
50. *I would be interested to see the contamination levels on site as well as down stream in the nature preserve and down on the Simi Valley side. I would like to see groundwater testing, and to see how much the levels drop coming to the Chatsworth Park side. Mapping would be nice! [Chatsworth]*
51. *Questions: (1) Is our water being tested for contamination? (2) Has there been a large amount of radiation released from this facility (SSFL) that we as residents of Chatsworth need to take action ourselves, as I have a "very high" concern and level of interest. (3) What site cleanup activities have been done? [Chatsworth]*
52. *Would like to know about ground water contamination movement. [Chatsworth]*
53. *Need to send area residents results of study, risk factors still present, future work, and final cleanup dates. All in plain English, sent to homes! We have no time to attend meetings or visit repositories. [Chatsworth]*
54. *I would like details about how cleanup is specifically being done. [Chatsworth]*
55. *Let me know how bad my property has been contaminated. [Chatsworth]*
56. *I have not visited the sites. I am uncertain of what danger was imposed on Chatsworth. [Chatsworth]*
57. *This situation of possible water contamination is very distressing to me and my community. We all want answers as to the level of toxins in our water [Chatsworth].*
58. *Please send a brief description of the type of spills, when they occurred, extent of spills, and what was done to clean up the material. Can it effect water and soil at our homes? [Chatsworth]*
59. *Dear Sirs: I worked at the field laboratory (Rocketdyne) for nearly 35 years from 1956 to 1990. I worked in all four areas. To my experience, I observed that all ground that may have been contaminated with foreign materials had been excavated down to 15 or 20 feet. Any contamination found was removed and placed in fifty-gallon steel drums, and such drums were painted yellow, marked with stencil and a code. These drums were removed by order of the government. [Chatsworth]*
60. *I was not aware of the cleanup; I'm glad it will be done. [Chatsworth]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

61. *Please provide comment on monitoring, drift, density, scope of contamination, and severity of it. [Chatsworth]*
62. *If you are going to travel so close to residential areas, then a lot more care needs to be exercised in the method of transportation, type of container, and precautions such as container covering. The speed of the vehicle through residential area is also a concern. Also have an EPA official riding shotgun with every transport, only then would we feel safe. [Chatsworth]*
63. *This is a major hazard in the area. It is potentially another Love Canal. I won't sell property in the Woolsey Canyon, and I think the residents there should be relocated and compensated until the cleanup is completed. [Chatsworth]*
64. *Since my home is (according to the map, and what I have read) about 4 or 5 miles from Rocketdyne. I sort of have the feeling that I am not subject to much contamination, but I am still interested in knowing about the progress of the "cleanup" efforts, or reasons for the delay. [Chatsworth]*
65. *We would like to know of any precautions that should be taken in the area outside our homes, and also when our vote is needed to insure safety. [Chatsworth]*
66. *I am very interested in the environmental cleanup, and would like to be kept apprised of this situation. [Chatsworth]*
67. *Is the drinking H2O in this area safe? [Chatsworth]*
68. *Was this site in existence in 1992? What substances are dumped there? Why are we just now finding out that this site exists? [Chatsworth]*
69. *Is there a toxic danger? [Chatsworth]*
70. *Stories about sealed steel containers full of poisoned dirt rolling through our neighborhood streets filled with the most toxic compounds imaginable without so much as a police escort, it is most disturbing, and makes me want to sue somebody. Did anybody try to notify the residents of Chatsworth what would happen had even one of those containers been spilled? What happened to the Santa Susana Mountains in the name of progress, industry, and national defense, should have been dealt with as crimes against society. [Chatsworth]*
71. *This so called cleanup has been going on for a few years. Let's resolve this as soon as possible. [Chatsworth]*
72. *I've lived in Chatsworth for over 30 years. We are concerned about toxins in the soil, water, and air. I wonder if our health is in danger?[Chatsworth]*
73. *I had no idea this was there, thank you for notifying me. I would like to know more, what they do there, what kind of hazardous materials they use, and health issues involved. Thank you. [Chatsworth]*
74. *How is groundwater being affected? What is being done to render waste products non-toxic. How is it affecting the air we see and breath? [Chatsworth]*
75. *I grew up at the foot of the hills where the SSFL is located. We played in the streams and waterfalls in that area a lot. I am concerned re: the findings about contamination, health side effects, and cleanup etc. [Chatsworth]*
76. *I want to know if the groundwater in the northwest San Fernando Valley has been contaminated by Rocketdyne's activities. [Chatsworth]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

77. *This issue is a two edged sword. I have little doubt that the site is contaminated, and that the damage done would be extremely hard to "cleanup." The rocks in this area help the contaminants flow away from the SSFL and into the ground, just like the rain moves along the rock veins. It's hard to cleanup decades of toxic run-off, especially now that there are so many homes in the direct surroundings. I'm not even sure that the government, or Boeing, would allow information that was detrimental to them to be released. For the safety of my children and pets, I would be interested in knowing more. [Chatsworth]*

Public response from Encino:

78. *I am aware that contamination has been detected. I am not aware of any cleanup activities, I'm only aware of paper pushing. You need to: (1) State whether your agency is a State, County, or City organization. (2) State whether your "DTSC" is the lead cleanup department, or just some polltaker. (3) State actions taken, and which entities took those actions. Has any actual land cleanup been done? If so, what? [Encino]*

Public response from Granada Hills:

79. *Please send us vital information regarding what type of facility the SSFL is or was. What kind of work did they do? What is so "hazardous" about it? [Granada Hills]*
80. *As an environmentalist and a taxpayer, it concerns me that biohazardous radioactive toxic waste contamination has occurred, and that the public may get stuck with paying the cleanup costs. [Granada Hills]*
81. *Any environmental analysis should involve collecting all relevant published literature particularly involving the earth sciences. There is a large collection of papers on regional winds (coastal sea breezes and Santa Anas in particular) at UCLA Dept. of Metrology and US Weather Bureau. Any digging to remove contamination should only be done summers when Santa Ana winds are minimal. [Granada Hills]*
82. *I am unaware of this situation. This is my first notice of this cleanup. Please send general information on what this is about. [Granada Hills]*
83. *My biggest concern is groundwater contamination. I don't know if my home water supply is contaminated. If not, then my concern would focus on the adequate cleanup of the site! [Granada Hills]*
84. *When I took a "Physics Class" (years ago, they taught for every positive there is a negative. Ask you scientists to find out what the negative is for every toxic substance, and then eliminate the problem. [Granada Hills]*
85. *I have always known Rocketdyne is there, but I did not know that there might be hazardous substance contamination. Can you please mail me more information on this subject. [Granada Hills]*
86. *I believe this site exceeds the requirements to be cited as a Superfund Cleanup location. [Granada Hills]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

87. *I had a run-in with inspectors at several facilities, when I question them, I have received nothing but non-fictional facts about any information upon my request. I'm tired of addressing these matters on an informal ballot or petition. Please send me better information, more information. I was not aware of this new location at Chatsworth and the SSFL. I cannot return my opinion unless I know everything about the facility, and what was there before this laboratory. [Granada Hills]*
88. *I understand it is extremely unsafe to live in an area that has shown to have hazardous substance contamination. Rocketdyne Santa Susana needs to be carefully checked to make sure the area they contaminated is cleaned up so people in the area can feel it is safe to continue living where they have home and family. Rocketdyne should be punished severely. [Granada Hills]*
89. *Despite all the safety concerns in the engineering development test lab, there was a massive use of Trichloroethane solvent by almost everyone in the test lab. It wasn't looked at as dangerous. When I worked in the structural test area, we cleaned test fixtures and the floor with buckets of Tric. and rags. [Granada Hills]*
90. *I strongly believe the community needs to be informed of the potential hazards that we are, or may be exposed to. As well as a comprehensive fact sheet on mitigation. [Granada Hills]*
91. *I've always wondered if this place needed cleaning up! [Granada Hills]*

Public response from Malibu:

92. *Hazardous substances affect all of us. While cleaning up is highly important, prevention is equally important. [Malibu]*

Public response from Northridge:

93. *The Rocketdyne site needs to be cleaned up. We own a property near the facility and would like to see that they do a good job on this. [Northridge]*
94. *My opinion is that too much is being made of the hazardous substance contamination at the Rocketdyne site. The problem is confined to a local area and is not that big a deal! [Northridge]*
95. *I'm hoping this cleanup will be finished! It truly concerns me. I think there is more behind this problem than appears! [Northridge]*
96. *I have lost track of what is the current situation on the cleanup of the laboratory. [Northridge]*
97. *My only comment is my concern with the integrity of the cleanup activities at SSFL, and also investigating outlying areas of the Laboratory for possible contamination. [Northridge]*
98. *Stop allowing contractors and developers to build on the area surrounding the facility. Continue to cleanup most polluted areas. Create a green zone until the site is mitigated. [Northridge]*
99. *Do not allow the current president to cut back on cleanup funds. [Northridge]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

100. Care should be taken in test sites that have long ago been dismantled and forgotten. [Northridge]
101. The clean up should be at Rocketdyne expense, and full disclosure and monitoring of clean up should be done. [Northridge]
102. I worked at SSFL for two years and at one time was handling drums of chemicals. [Northridge]
103. The responsible party(s) must be required to cleanup the site as soon as possible. [Northridge]

Public response from San Fernando:

104. We thought the problem had been solved long ago. I would need to know more about the present risks as well as any proposed solutions before supporting any action. [San Fernando]

Public response from Santa Susana:

105. Is our water supply safe? [Santa Susana]

Public response from Simi Valley:

106. I thought the site was already cleaned up? [Simi Valley]
107. Ground contamination is probably best treated by stabilizing it to keep it from migrating rather then removal. Removal runs a high risk of spreading contamination to other areas. [Simi Valley]
108. I am very concerned about the water table in Simi Valley [Simi Valley]
109. I just bought this mobile home, how concerned should I be. We don't even want to drink the water and that becomes very expensive. [Simi Valley]
110. I have heard rumors of toxic waste dumping. I am concerned about the water supply and soil. [Simi Valley]
111. Clean it up!! Rocketdyne Not fair we have to have it in our lives & back yards. [Simi Valley]
112. Any contamination of the ground water aquifers in Simi Valley should be of major interest to all who live here since in many areas the water table is above ground level and near the surface. Not enough has been done to clean up that site! It is a DISGRACE!!! [Simi Valley]
113. The site should be required to be cleaned as thoroughly as possible to safeguard the health of future generations. [Simi Valley]
114. A friend worked there when it was open – he was a fireman. He told me they put hazardous materials into the ground well. About 2 years ago in 1999, my friend went hiking back there and said they saw yellow strange stuff oozing from the ground. [Simi Valley]
115. I'm concerned about groundwater contamination as well as radioactivity! [Simi Valley]

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

116. *I live here and get public well water from the area. I would like to know what is going on. Thank you. [Oakhaven Ave., Simi Valley]*
117. *"Ocean Arks International has developed advanced systems of wastewater treatments based on stimulated ecosystems and solar designs able to treat even the most noxious substances and serve the community needs on a wide range of wastes." Quoted from "Restoring the Earth" by Kenny Ausabel. [Simi Valley]*
118. *We are appalled by the news that the cleanup will not be as thorough as originally recommended. We are planning to move out of the area as soon as we can afford it for our health as well as our three children's (under 4) sakes. [Simi valley]*
119. *Tell us if it is safe or harmful. Take measures to mitigate harm. [Simi Valley]*
120. *I would like to know if where I live is safe, or if there is any possible contamination here. Also, I'd like to know if the water that my family drinks is safe, meaning, is our tap water safe to drink and cook with? [Rory Lane, Simi Valley]*
121. *I know the cleanup was a forced issue. Probably if harm was to happen it has and is being monitored now. [Simi Valley]*
122. *My words only. This facility has been sending radioactive waste into the atmosphere since it was built. There have been at least 15 near meltdowns or more over the years. These are denied when this facility is called. I used to personally know one man that became very ill after drinking water from a stream below the facility while hiking near Woolsey Canyon. After years of denial, why are you interested now? [Simi Valley]*
123. *When working for Rockwell/Boeing I was an engineering manager for over 20 years and also held an active Professional Engineering License in Nuclear Engineering. As I recall, the "burn pit" was the last area to be cleaned up, and this task of cleanup was taken care of many years ago. I retired ten years ago. [Simi Valley]*
124. *I am concerned about ground, air, and noise pollution. [Simi Valley]*
125. *Be diligent and responsible in your findings and cleanup efforts. Testing should be representative rather then statistical only. Work to complete the efforts, rather then dragging your feet. [Simi Valley]*
126. *I am interested in learning more about the chemicals that are in the air, soil, and groundwater. I would also like to know more about cleanup activities and if the Laboratory is continuing to pollute the area. [Simi valley]*
127. *I am interested in any sort of investigation regarding the area around the site located on your map for environmental reasons. I have several friends and relatives in the area. Have chemicals been found in the area (ground, soil, water, etc). I'm in protest of any and all dumping. [Dalhart Ave., Simi Valley]*
128. *I have the highest regard for Rocketdyne and the services they made to both our space agency and security. However, the failure of the U.S. Government to take ownership and accountability to manage the safe disposal of toxic substances used on the site are inexcusable. The U.S. Government needs to reimburse the public and Rocketdyne for exposure for these known toxins. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

129. *I believe that Rocketdyne should be held responsible for poisoning the site and should be made to cleanup the area in its entirety. [Simi Valley]*
130. *Fill the reservoir and make the area accessible to the public at large. Spend the money on access to the area. [Simi Valley]*
131. *We just moved here four years ago. We are concerned for the water contamination that is still a threat. And now our property value too. Health is more important. [Simi Valley]*
132. *I would like to know if the water, air, and soil are contaminated. If so, please provide additional information. [Simi Valley]*
133. *My understanding is this is mainly concerned with radiation. If the radiation levels are below that received in an airplane at 40,000 feet, the project should be abandoned as complete. [Simi Valley]*
134. *I am extremely concerned about the level of cleanup being discussed currently. My family and I reside only miles from this location (SSFL) and nothing but a 100% clean up would be satisfactory to protect my family and future children from unsafe toxic levels in our environment. [Simi Valley]*
135. *The real technical issues get overwhelmed by emotions, and finger pointing. It would also be good to know how groups such as "Bridge the Gap" are funded. [Simi Valley]*
136. *How does the cleanup effect ground water where I live? [Alta Street, Simi Valley]*
137. *What is the area of concern in Simi Valley? Can a map of toxins be posted, as well as the toxins, what toxins? [Simi Valley]*
138. *Additional site – Simi dump, 1952 through 1978, nuclear isotopes dumped in disposal can. [Simi Valley]*
139. *Why is it taking so long to cleanup this site? Why hasn't Rocketdyne already completed cleanup required by U.S. Government? [Simi Valley]*
140. *My brother worked for Rocketdyne before his death. He was aware of problems at the facility early on. He also reported that a building, or a room, at the Canoga Park facility was "Hot" and off limits. It is my impression that he and others were cynical as to Rocketdyne's ability to cleanup the site properly. [Simi Valley]*
141. *Cleanup ends 2006; Rocketdyne pleaded guilty to felony mishandling of hazardous materials; DHS suppressed a cancer study; Rocketdyne claims "all is well!!" [Simi Valley]*
142. *Extremely concerned that toxic substances are controlled to ensure that the health of my wife, me, our children, and grandchildren is not compromised by inadequate controls. [Simi Valley]*
143. *Doesn't seem like anybody knows what's going on up there as far as toxic substances goes. Simi Valley seems to be the last one to know about it. [Simi Valley]*
144. *I would like to find out more about levels of contamination, kinds of contamination, and if there are airborne concerns or water contamination dangers. [Simi Valley]*
145. *I have a water well which could be checked at Cochran & Stearns streets in Simi. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

146. *I live just down the mountain from the SSFL. I worry about the safety of our drinking water, so I buy water. [Simi Valley]*
147. *What is the status of the cleanup of the contamination of our groundwater that has occurred since this facility opened, and what has been done to stop the contamination. [Simi Valley]*
148. *If there is a real problem I'd like to know. [Simi Valley]*
149. *I think Rocketdyne and Boeing should expose themselves as having radioactive substances and materials. They have been caught 2x in the past. What's next? [Simi Valley]*
150. *The cleanup of hazardous waste sites is extremely important to the well being of the people, natural environment, and animals of this area. A clean environment enhances all aspects of this area, whether it be healthful, economical, aesthetic, etc. [Simi Valley]*
151. *I'm interested in knowing how and where the contaminated soil is or will be disposed of. I have already lost my husband to cancer. [Simi Valley]*
152. *I think it is appalling that chemicals and other toxic substances are seeping into the ground water where people are drinking the water and living next to it. It is ridiculous that this activity is and was occurring for any amount of time. [Simi Valley]*
153. *Toxic substances should be isolated in a place where no one will be affected. [Simi Valley]*
154. *I would like to be informed of the current level of toxic exposure and risk level based on the amount of time I have lived in Simi Valley and proximity of the SSFL. I moved to central Simi in June 1972, then to North Eastern Simi in 1977. Please respond in a timely manner to my concerns. Thank you. [Simi Valley]*
155. *How wide spread is contamination, nuclear and chemical? What is the natural water drainage from SSFL property? What are health risks for residents of Simi Valley since 1980? [Simi Valley]*
156. *Clean it up! [Simi Valley]*
157. *I live very close to SSFL, my concern is groundwater contamination. I am concerned about potential cover-ups and not being told the whole truth. My life and that of my children could be at risk. [Simi Valley]*
158. *I would like information regarding what type of cleanup is being done. Are there any toxic or hazardous materials involved? What effect if any is this having on the environment and surrounding communities? [Simi Valley]*
159. *Tomco Construction would like to know if radioactive waste is still present up there? [Simi Valley]*
160. *My boyfriend and I have always wondered about toxic chemicals or substances coming from Rocketdyne now Boeing. [Simi Valley]*
161. *Why is there even a need to investigate the level of interest with regard to the Rocketdyne site?? Of course people care about their health and possible contamination where they live!! DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND CLEAN UP THE SITE!!!! [Simi Valley]*
162. *I understand that there is a great deal of chemicals and radioactive material stored on site. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

163. *Am interested to know what extent water has been effected, and for how long. Is it possible to correct? Any reports of illness in the population? What fines, damages, and reparation has Rocketdyne assumed? [Simi valley]*
164. *I'm aware of toxic condition of site and the shortcomings of cleanup effort. History shows only public vigilance can insure a just conclusion of such matters. [Simi Valley]*
165. *I know several residents have expressed concern that Rocketdyne has proved the site now safe. I don't know many details, but was told the surrounding area is to be considered safe from contamination. [Simi Valley]*

Public response from Susana Knolls:

166. *Cleanup should be done to the strictest standards. [Susana Knolls]*

Public response from West Hills:

167. *I've worked as an archaeologist in the area since 1972. I've hiked the general area numerous times looking for Native American remains. This is a very fragile and sacred area, which impacts the western San Fernando Valley and south-east Simi Valley. We all want to live in a safe environment free of contaminants like toxic waste. Do the right thing to cleanup this mess and help those who have suffered because of the contamination. No cost is too great to restore the environment and restore the faith of those of us living in the region. Do everything in your power to find a proactive solution and ongoing monitoring. [West Hills]*
168. *I'm concerned about groundwater in the wash behind my house. [Quimby Ave., West Hills]*
169. *Our family makes every effort to not drink the tap water in case the water has been contaminated. I must admit, we are rather passive activists regarding this subject. [West Hills]*
170. *I am extremely interested in learning more about the issues, cover-ups, remedies, and how safe our area is and will be in the future. A million thanks to those of you who are working to protect my family and the community. [West Hills]*
171. *Cleanup of this site is of great concern for me, and my family. Please keep me informed of its progress. [West Hills]*
172. *I would like a map showing the toxic plume (if any) superimposed on a LA City street map. [West Hills]*
173. *I live near it and I'm quite aware of the level of toxins this company dumped and exposed on the people of my area. [Eagle Mtn. St., West Hills]*
174. *With an enormous amount of as yet uncorelated adverse data surrounding this, time will tell just how detrimental this is. I grew up here, now my children are. [West Hills]*
175. *What is truly going on with the cleanup? Unfortunately with the community closing in and around, this site will eventually close? Or move. [West Hills]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

176. *More information on effects of water supply (i.e. the water table system etc). [West Hills]*
177. *More cleanup is needed. The current process is too slow, and poses a health risk to the public. Home owners should be notified of health risks. Homeowners should be notified of health risks from home gardens and fruit trees. [West Hills]*
178. *It's a worry, has the cleanup been scaled back? [West Hills]*
179. *We were not satisfied with the safety of its soil cleanup. Trucks filled with contaminated soil were routed through residential and business areas to get to the 118 freeway. [West Hills]*
180. *We have lived here since 1946 and are concerned about contamination of the area due to ground contamination due to water flow when it rains. [West Hills]*
181. *We know of the cleanup last year, and it was not completed due to funds. We are told it is very contaminated and could be in the groundwater. [West Hills]*
182. *I know the ground water contamination is under my neighborhood from testing. [Ponce Ave., West Hills]*
183. *I'm worried about trucks carrying out waste soil on any given day (especially windy days). How much longer before it will be cleaned up? Seems to be taking much too long for such a serious hazard. [West Hills]*
184. *Will the cleanup involve the Chatsworth "reserve." [West Hills]*
185. *Worked at Rocketdyne and visited the facility a few times. Concerned about contamination and effects on Ahmanson development. How is your activity related to the Ahmanson development? Can this development increase toxicity to cause unhealthful contamination and real estate depreciation? [West Hills]*
186. *I would like to know specifically when, and the routes that the trucks will be hauling the contaminated soil will be taking. I have a newborn and am very concerned and will take appropriate measures to avoid those routes. [West Hills]*
187. *I would like to know how close I came to any toxic materials. Have you cleaned it all out, or is there toxic materials still left in the ground. [West Hills]*
188. *I would like to know more about toxic levels as it relates to the Ahmanson Ranch Development. [West Hills]*
189. *I've heard stories from an engineer who worked there of items being washed into Bell Creek. [West Hills]*
190. *If this facility is in Ventura County, why is contaminated waste transported past my residence in Los Angeles County? Will additional waste be stockpiled in the future at SSFL? [West Hills]*
191. *We in Bell Canyon were advised of testing of the soil in sites within Bell Canyon. The results, we were told, showed no unsafe areas. This occurred probably 1 ½ to 2 yrs ago. [West Hills]*
192. *I would be interested to know what the substances are and what they are used for. [West Hills]*
193. *I think the investigation is a waste of public money, instigated by some NIMBY's and possibly by some who hope to profit from it. [West Hills]*
194. *We have just moved from West LA. We do not know what level or what kind of contamination we are talking about. I would like to know more about the situation. [West Hills]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

195. *I would like to know if there are any toxic substances which may be coming down the creek that ends at Valley Circle and Roscoe. Is that holding up the housing development, which is going in there? Is Sage Ranch Park contaminated? What is the exact area affected and to what degree, starting from the Rocketdyne site and going to the perimeters of the zone? [West Hills]*
196. *The problem addressed is very important and we have general interest from my professional background. I do not believe releases have reached us, though I know some at this distance fear some harm may have reached this far. [West Hills]*
197. *I would like to know how these tests may have affected the residents of the San Fernando Valley. Also, what impact it has had on the local water supply. [West Hills]*
198. *Is cleanup near complete? Has there been any danger to the community where I have live for the past ten years. [West Hills]*
199. *I'm concerned with additional testing, what is in the ground, and how it may affect our health. [West Hills]*
200. *Is it possible that blue stains in sinks, toilets, concrete and other areas could be contaminated water or residues from SSFL. The reason I ask is because me and a several homeowners in our area are experiencing this since we purchased our homes. [Stonegate Drive, West Hills]*
201. *I live at the end of Roscoe and I'm interested in the underground pollution that maybe contaminating the groundwater in my area. [West Hills]*
202. *I believe there should be an investigation of the impact of the surface runoff of water coming down from the site into the Chatsworth Reservoir. Also, ground water levels in the same area should be checked for possible radiation runoff from past problems at the site due to migration of the radioactive dangerous material. All manifests should be checked to see exactly what was transported off site in regard to radioactivity including manifests signed off by Atomics International, Rockwell International, and finally the Boeing Corp. [West Hills]*
203. *Like to know more about the level of contamination and health risk. [West Hills]*

Public response from Woodland Hills:

204. *Cleanup activities are not completed. Just do the best for the human capital in the state. [Woodland Hills]*
205. *I want resolve. I feel affected. [Woodland Hills]*
206. *I hike at Woolsey Canyon weekly and often wonder about all the hoses and pipes dispersed throughout the trails. I would like to learn more about this. I did not know information was available. I will try Platt Library. [Woodland Hills]*
207. *We knew that there was contamination and pollution. We were aware of the massive cover-up. [Woodland Hills]*
208. *Cleanup the mess. [Woodland Hills]*
209. *I am concerned about groundwater contamination in the West San Fernando Valley. [Woodland Hills]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

210. *I would like to know what areas have potentially been effected by the toxic waste. Have any illnesses occurred as a result of these toxins? What toxins are they and what are their effects? [Woodland Hills]*
211. *I would be interested to find out the extent of contamination at A.I. and Rocketdyne. I was never made aware of contamination while working there. [Woodland Hills]*
212. *We use Sage Ranch for outdoor activities. There has been no outward sign as to negligence regarding Santa Susana Field Laboratory. [Woodland Hills]*
213. *We are very concerned about contamination outside of the area, such as Ahmanson Ranch and in our neighborhood. [Woodland Hills]*
214. *I do not believe that these past contaminations are still a problem for us local residents. [Woodland Hills]*
215. *Would like to know if regional tap water samples are being taken that are relevant to toxins at SSFL. [Woodland Hills]*
216. *What are the types of hazardous substances, what are the effects etc, how can you prevent contamination? [Woodland Hills]*
217. *Thank you for keeping the public informed of the status of this cleanup. [Woodland Hills]*
218. *I used to live in West Hills (Canoga Park) from 1984 through 1994 with 2 children. We lived within a 2-mile radius of site. I would like to know about groundwater contamination and any other findings by your agency. [Woodland Hills]*
219. *Are LA groundwater basins affected?? [Woodland Hills]*

Public response – no name or address given:

220. *Site cleanup activities are well documented. Further resources (Tax $) do not need to be spent on public outreach. [no address given]*
221. *I am aware of the facility, but not about cleanup. [no address given]*
222. *We need a full investigation on this matter, and a plan to cleanup this contaminated area. The public should be kept informed on the progress being made. [no address given]*
223. *I think protection and cleanup is important. However, I don't think the public should rush to judgement just because it is the politically correct thing to do. If this plant is vital and still in use, then I think closing doors, and putting people out of jobs or working at the facility of their choice is a more complex issue. [no address given]*
224. *We have a god given right to live in a toxic free environment! [no address given]*
225. *Please provide current information about SSFL site cleanup activities and the degree of contamination in the area affected. [no address given]*
226. *Clean it up! [no address given]*
227. *Groundwater contamination should be investigated as large quantities of organic solvents (inorganic too) were used in development and testing of rocket engines at SSFL. [no address given]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

228. *I would be interested to know if any random soil samples have ever been taken in say a one-mile radius around the SSFL, and if so, what were the results? [no address given]*
229. *I am generally interested in seeing toxic sites cleaned up. But I do not have specific knowledge of this site, although I suspect the risk to the community is significant from groundwater contamination. [no address given]*
230. *Toxic substances should be a concern to everyone. Everyone should be made aware of what is going on and what can be done to make life safer. [no address given]*
231. *(1) Do you have an agenda for the investigation and connection of the cleanup at SSFL? (2) Do you make periodic announcements to the public through the newspapers etc about the SSFL process? (3) Do you have a mission statement with a timeline for completing the task? (4) What is the effect of the contamination at SSFL on the local animals, plants, and environment? [no address given]*
232. *I worked at SSFL for 20 years when Rockwell and North American Aviation were operating this facility. I retired before the site cleanup started. So I do not have any knowledge of the extent of substance contamination. [no address given]*
233. *Sorry, I have no pertinent information but applaud any efforts to cleanup our environment, and provide safety for the adults and especially, children who would be affected by hazardous waste. [no address given]*
234. *I have visited the site on three occasions, and had one client interested in leasing a large building for automobile manufacture. At that time the Department of Energy and Rocketdyne were negotiating over the toxic spill and cleanup issues, no decisions could be made in 1997. [no address given]*
235. *I can't understand why it is taking so long to resolve this problem. We must have more actions to keep California clean and safe as long as possible. If we fail, we'll be like Tijuana. [no address given]*
236. *If there is a problem of toxic waste in the area just clean it up. What is your investigation for? Some of these problems developed as a result of ignorance of long term effects of many substances. Spend your time and money learning about these effects and presenting solutions to the proper authorities to prevent future problems instead of arousing people who know very little concerning these problems. These grand gestures of public participation appear phony. The real work is done by experts. [no address given]*
237. *The roads around the reservoir i.e. Valley Circle, and Lake Manor Drive etc are in need of immediate repair. The big tractor-trailer trucks are destroying the road. This is a big concern of mine, and the people who live or commute through this area on a daily basis. [no address given]*
238. *It's taken too long to cleanup the contamination. It should have been cleaned up by now. It will effect property values if it doesn't get done soon. [no address given]*
239. *Public should be informed as to the nature and degree of contamination. Companies that pollute the environment should be accountable and have an obligation to act in the interest of the public. [no address given]*

Public comment focusing on cleanup activities continued:

240. *At a recent meeting in Simi on May 16, the claim was made that Boeing had already shut down and re-diverted the system that Boeing is now applying for a permit to shut down several years earlier. Is this true? Then who is in charge of enforcement at DTSC? What happened when there is a violation, will Boeing be cited? [no address given]*
241. *Thirty-five years ago Chatsworth Reservoir had deer, rabbits, quail, roadrunners, and other life drinking there. Now there is nothing. Driving past there we do see coyotes, but no birds and nothing else either. I would have though the encroachment of housing would not have done away with their need for water. Is the water poisoned from SSFL? There is hardly ever a sparrow between here and Simi Valley now. [no address given]*
242. *Please specify toxic agents in question. [no address given]*
243. *I would like to know what SSFL is working on, what chemicals, what are the dangers, is it in the water supply, air or wind carried (chemicals). Also like to know what the DTSC responsibilities are. Thank you, who ever thought of this survey is doing the right thing. [no address given]*
244. *Have local authorities patrol Black Canyon and Woolsey Canyon Rd for toxic waste dumpers. Spend less time investigating Rocketdyne and put more effort toward trying to catch and prosecute the individuals responsible for constantly dumping trash and chemicals in the near by canyons. Setting up surveillance cameras would be a more worth while use of taxpayer money if the public is truly concerned about contamination issues. [no address given]*

7.4. Public comment focusing on government actions

Number of Public Responses 86 (2.5 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Bell Canyon:

1. *I don't trust SSFL and their Government advisors. [Bell Canyon]*
2. *Perhaps DTSC should come to the Bell Canyon Community Center and discuss their current findings with the residents of Bell Canyon. [Bell Canyon]*
3. *Based on presentations, sounds as if Boeing is doing a good job. [Bell Canyon]*

Public response from Canoga Park:

4. *Keep an eye on them. [Canoga Park]*
5. *Thank you for the insight to open an investigation on this site. It is very crucial for you to remain on this case until they cleanup the area that they contaminated. [Canoga Park]*
6. *Things move very slowly and there appears to be a lot of deception on the part of Boeing and the EPA et al. [Canoga Park]*

Public comment focusing on government actions:

7. *Why have you sent me this request, for my interest? This "information sheet" says nothing about what is, or is being considered to be done. It seems as though your intent here is to establish that no one in the area cares, to avoid the required cleanup and likely involved legal involvement. This notice should say what its intent is! [Canoga Park]*
8. *Get the mess cleaned up! [Canoga Park]*
9. *I believe we should be more educated about this subject. Higher penalty for "out-laws" more comprehensive and strait forward procedures for people, industries, and commerce to deal with toxic substance control collection. [Canoga Park]*
10. *We are very concerned about our environment. However, we are aware that someone is always after money and will do anything to get it. That's where you come in! Why is it taking so long to investigate the matter? [Canoga Park]*
11. *I am concerned that Rocketdyne is made to appear to be a villain, when they were really performing a valuable service to our country and did their work under contracts to our government. Hindsight is a good thing if it provides us with some guidance regarding future actions. But Rocketdyne cannot be blamed for lack of knowledge of some of the environmental impacts suffered. Their work was a public service and if any remedial action is warranted, the public should bear the cost. The same goes for any other companies in similar circumstances. [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

12. *It is being taken care of so why do we need another "Department" to "investigate" and waste more taxpayer's money. I want my comments to be known to the other parties involved. [Chatsworth]*
13. *This mailing is excellent! Thank you. [Chatsworth]*
14. *I think it's unconscionable that the Federal Government can appropriate land and water rights from tax-paying citizens. Worse, is that the Government spends money studying the effect of Gamma Rays on man-in–the-moon marigolds, and had no compunction about exposing citizens to radiation poisoning. The more fines, cleanup and public exposure, the better. People did die prematurely from working at SSFL and other "accidental radiation exposure" incidents in the armed forces and elsewhere, and families have not been compensated. [Chatsworth]*
15. *It should be carried on by our Federal Government, but apparently for the next 3 ½ years it's not their concern (the contamination will still be there). [Chatsworth]*
16. *There seem to be many retrospective "nay sayers." In the time of energy problems there are very few who have positive suggestions, very many "not in my back yarder's. Even the "DTSC" logo doesn't indicate their status i.e. Federal, State, County, City, or their prejudice. [Chatsworth]*
17. *Appreciate your concern in this ongoing endeavor. We all thank you heartily for your efforts. [Chatsworth]*
18. *Use more independent consultants, or prevail on Greg Dempsey the only credible EPA person the community knows to again supervise the studies. [Chatsworth]*

Public comment focusing on government actions continued:

19. *Have the various departments (ATSDR, EPA, and current DTSC/U.S. EPA/ and the numerous regulatory agencies) been effective in some/ any way to cleanup SSFL? There are ongoing problems, be they hazardous waste management/radioactive materials handling/groundwater remediation. Please advise me as to the current extent of problems and effort to solve, and "prognosis," please. [Chatsworth]*
20. *If a professional man working daily at this facility expresses concern for oversight and neglect in regard to the toxic chemicals they were using 20 years ago, there is probably substantial reason for you survey. I have watched them fire off rockets over the years and wondered how much of this is covert Federal Government operation? I know that we have a similar facility in the hills of Porter Ranch. How do you provoke the government to be responsible behind the public eye? [Chatsworth]*
21. *You are doing a great job. [Chatsworth]*
22. *This is what has to be done by DTSC or whoever wants to see the right things done: 1. Contract with an independent overseer to independently evaluate the site. 2. Share all the facts with all the people involved in the area. 3. Phase out all work at SSFL. 4. Remove all artifacts of human presence. 5. Restore all natural features. 6. Prohibit all activity that is so destructive (or even a little bit destructive) ever again. [Chatsworth]*
23. *I don't know much about SSFL, but I'm filling out the survey to help cooperate with the DTSC. I feel it is important that all citizens try to help the DTSC in any way possible to protect our environment. Unfortunately, I am not too informed about this subject. [Chatsworth]*

Public response from Granada Hills:

24. *I know virtually nothing about this site, but I believe the protection of the environment should be one of any governmental bodies' top priorities. [Granada Hills]*
25. *I believe that it is very important an organization like you, work for the sake of all of us. I do congratulate you and if I can be of any further help please let me know. [Granada Hills]*

Public response from Northridge:

26. *Fairly new to the area, but I'm very interested into findings and doings of the California EPA. [Northridge]*

Public response from Santa Susana:

27. *I feel that it is way passed the time for the cover up to be exposed. The people in this area should have blanket medical health studies undertaken. Real Estate declarations should be law, outlining disclosure of dangers on all homes and property. [Santa Susana]*

Public comment focusing on government actions continued:

Public response from Simi Valley:

28. *The City of Simi needs to play a more active role. [Simi Valley]*
29. *You people are a gaggle of useless bureaucrats, slopping at the public through intent upon justifying your existence and wasting of my tax dollars. Your reliance on junk science is well known. [Simi Valley]*
30. *It is deplorable that toxic cleanups are so politically selective! [Simi Valley]*
31. *I am glad to see this level of attention being paid to SSFL by everyone involved. [Simi Valley]*
32. *I believe the cleanup of the SSFL is extremely politicized. I perceive the parties most responsible for an efficient cost effective cleanup are being polarized and are wasting precious resources on fact sheets, publications, public meetings, and outreach. I would greatly prefer that the Department re-focus its resources on the actual cleanup. Stop grandstanding and get on with the job!! [Simi Valley]*
33. *I believe it's crucial for the residents of this area to not only clean up the area, but to assure residents that the cleanup is not a cover-up. [Simi Valley]*
34. *Do testing and make it public knowledge. We have not heard about any cleanup at the SSFL. [Simi Valley]*
35. *We want more information regarding exactly what duties and functions are performed at these labs and how, for what reason, and with what funding. [Simi Valley].*
36. *As taxpayers, we want to see our tax dollars working to get issues resolved, and not talked or studied to death!!! Excuse the pun. [Simi Valley]*
37. *Lots of publicity and not very much cleanup. We need some serious political leadership to get the cleanup underway and COMPLETED! [Simi Valley]*
38. *Even though we have no extensive knowledge of this particular site, <u>any</u> location with contamination is of very high concern. [Simi Valley]*
39. *Harmful exhaust residues above the city, surrounding area cannot be explained. Such test sites must be moved to isolated areas. [Simi Valley]*
40. *DTSC should recognize that as long as groups as "Committee to Bridge the Gap" are given representation on groups and meetings they are legitimized in the eyes of many uninformed individuals. They will use these opportunities to continue to distort the truth to further their own interests. [Simi Valley]*
41. *Out of the blue you send a survey, why? Is Simi's health at risk? Are there things that only DTSC knows? I have heard roomers about radioactive groundwater leaching into soils into Simi Valley. What is really going on? [Simi Valley]*
42. *Protecting the environment is worthwhile. However, most environmentalists are fanatical wacko's who go overboard and get organizations such as the EPA to go overboard with reactions and regulations. The taxpayer's money could be better spent. I bet you value this opinion. [Simi Valley]*
43. *Maybe they should tell us what the real threat is. [Simi Valley]*
44. *Thank you for performing such an important job for our State. [Simi Valley]*
45. *Stay on it! [Simi Valley]*
46. *This is a toxic and nuclear site which needs major cleaning. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment focusing on government actions continued:

47. *I have concerns regarding my health and property value of my home. I am glad to know that an investigation is in progress. [Simi Valley]*
48. *Thank you for continuing to monitor the cleanup and help keep the public appraised of the situation. [Simi Valley]*
49. *I am very interested in where the contaminated areas exist outside of the facility. I have a child that attended Katherine Elementary, which is located on Katherine Ave., below the facility. I would like to be kept informed on cleanup activities. [Simi Valley]*
50. *My concern is if contamination could have spread to my home and my place of employment. [Simi Valley]*
51. *What I don't trust is the information (Government Information). I don't trust the military after Vietnam and the agent-orange policy, or Iraq with its GI sickness policy, or anything else that they have a hand in. Why should I believe anything today! [Simi Valley]*
52. *Please continue to be forthright and diligent in this important cleanup for our area as well as others that may be contaminated with nuclear waste. [Simi Valley]*
53. *I know the community feels efforts have been minimal and spending was just reduced further. [Simi Valley]*
54. *The California Environmental Protection Agency is very important due to the presence concerns all Americans have since 9/11. Continue to monitor our safety, thanks. [Simi Valley]*
55. *Very irate over constant delays and apparent attempts to sidestep responsibilities. [Simi Valley]*
56. *The City of Simi needs to play a more active role. [Simi Valley]*

Public response from West Hills:

57. *The government admitted to a conspiracy with the corporations to make workers loose their workers compensation. I would like our watertable checked to see if we should eat our fruit from the garden. My children and husband have bladder troubles and lots of children had leukemia. It is public knowledge this company did lots of harm to the workers and community. Let's protect future generations. [West Hills]*
58. *Where are our senators and congress people? [West Hills]*
59. *Please don't let the people of the community surrounding SSFL down. We need a <u>THOROUGH</u> investigation into Rocketdyne's present and past activities. [West Hills]*
60. *I hope your level of commitment to cleanup this site is in no way proportional to the level of public awareness or interest.[West Hills]*
61. *My take on this survey is that you are trying to judge how concerned local citizens are about this in order to downplay the cleanup. This is a serious hazard and cannot be ignored. Cleanup options need to be weighed and implemented immediately. Local citizens need to be protected. [West Hills]*

Public comment focusing on government actions continued:

62. *We are disappointed that the California EPA let the toxic problem get out of control without any appropriate inspections and safeguards. We are concerned now that the EPA does not know what it is doing! [West Hills]*
63. *I am interested in knowing the truth. If the contamination, or any other conditions or activities at SSFL poses any risk to my family, we have an absolute right to be informed about that. At the same time, I find it extremely offensive that persons might misuse information that is available, combined with unsubstantiated allegations in pursuit of financial gain. Except for a few possible "winners" that harms everyone. Full exposition of known facts is the best way to limit such activity, but if people have in fact been harmed, they should be appropriately compensated without undue complexity. [West Hills]*
64. *This area was a pristine wilderness, home to the Chumash Native Americans with caves filled with glyphs as well as other artifacts of their culture. It is now spoiled for all future generations due to disregard and negligence. The government agencies with oversight responsibility (…NASA, Dept. of Interia) turned a blind eye to the industries that they had contracts with. [West Hills]*
65. *I am a new resident to California, so I'm not familiar with this agency. [West Hills]*
66. *Any contamination should be the responsibility of the government since the work done at this facility was accomplished under government contract. [West Hills]*

Public response from Woodland Hills:

67. *Why is there such delay in finalizing this disaster? This seems to me to be just another delay tactic. Many friends in the area are very upset that there is no resolution to this ongoing issue. [Woodland Hills]*
68. *I am actually for the Ahmanson project, <u>but</u> I believe that you should let them know which parts are potentially toxic so they will not develop on or near that area. [Woodland Hills]*
69. *I have ongoing concern for safety of ground water and air. We want SSFL to know we are not going to turn our eyes and ears away, we won't tolerate any cover-ups. Please keep up the investigation and keep us informed. We have small children and are concerned for all. [Woodland Hills]*
70. *Is this <u>ever</u> going to end?? Get on the ball and get it over with, for god's sake!! <u>Just do it</u>. [Woodland Hills]*
71. *I have heard about the site, but have not delved in to it. I rely on my government agencies to look after the wellbeing of my family and community. I would like to get some information about the site, and its effect on the surrounding communities. [Woodland Hills]*
72. *This has been a classic stonewall, deny, deny, deny, cover-up, cover-up, cover-up. Why investigate in 2002? I have lived in Woodland Hills since 1978, and have read about the problems for years. What takes so long? [Woodland Hills]*
73. *I believe that the irrational fears of a few people have been fed by opportunistic attorneys. Plenty of corrective measures have been taken. It is high time to turn our attention to the abatement of real environmental hazards. [Woodland Hills]*

Public comment focusing on government actions continued:

74. *Why are you wasting public money harassing a perfectly decent research and development company which has provided employment to thousands and which has contributed to the military safety of this country. Why don't you guys get a job contributing to the economy of this country?? Instead of getting in the way of people actually doing something useful. [Woodland Hills]*

Public response – no name or address given:

75. *This is a waste of taxes. [no address given]*
76. *This is a big waste of everybody's time and money. This nonsense has been going on too long. Get a real problem and do something. [no address given]*
77. *We want the California Environmental Protection Agency to give us the truth. You have not been forthcoming. What are the dangers? [no address given]*
78. *I am disgusted that our money is spent like dumping it into a deep hole. [no address given]*
79. *Why wasn't their sufficient oversight to prevent this disaster from happening? Which government agency is responsible? California environmental incompetent agency.*
80. *The previous and present owners and the U.S. Government should cleanup this mess. [no address given]*
81. *What does the law mandate here!? What's the problem? Does this agency need help to bring this to a successful conclusion? [no address given]*
82. *I feel the industry and local government has betrayed the general public again, and they are killing off their own. [no address given]*
83. *Keep up the good work.[no address given]*
84. *Your efforts are highly appreciated. [no address given]*
85. *I regard this whole thing as hysteria, enormous folly, and a waste of public funds. [no address given]*
86. *If no problem, forget it. If problem, fix it. [no address given]*

7.5. General public comment

Number of Public Responses 59 (1.8 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Canyon Country:

1. *I worked for Rockwell International during 7-62 – 10/63, 11/66 – 9/66, and 6/72 – 9 – 72, as an Electronics Technician on nuclear instrumentation repair and calibration. [Canyon Country]*

General public comment continued:

Public response from Canoga Park:

2. *I have lived behind "Rocketdyne" Canoga Park Field for 20 years. As I was a small child growing up here I have had concerns about these facilities, and now have a great deal of interest because I have a 5 yr. old child growing up next door. [Canoga Park]*
3. *My family moved to Canoga Park in 1952. Our neighbor worked at Rocketdyne for years. We remember the tests taking place at the facility. [Canoga Park]*
4. *I haven't any unusual information which you don't already have. [Canoga Park]*
5. *I worked for Rocketdyne for 39 yrs., starting in 1961. [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

6. *I was employed by an outside electrical contractor during 1979 through 1980 at the facility working on a project code-named "Molten Salt." The name of the project was not disclosed during my employment. I was later told it was an electrical generating nuclear reactor (in other words a power plant). [Chatsworth]*
7. *I'm just an interested party. [Chatsworth]*
8. *I live in the West Valley because of the isolation from toxic environment. I would like to keep it that way! [Chatsworth]*
9. *For the past 20 years, SSFL has complied to all state regulations, and has spent millions on cleanup activities. Because of all the expense, all our work has been moved to the Mississippi, and people are being laid off. [Chatsworth]*
10. *We were not notified of this facility when we purchased our property in 1979. [Chatsworth]*
11. *I'm concerned about the cat, human risk, and property values!!!! [Chatsworth]*
12. *Industrial pollution is a crime against humanity for which I have zero tolerance. [Chatsworth]*
13. *I have had no negative effect from SSFL, but I am interested in this investigation because I live near it. [Chatsworth]*
14. *We have lived here eleven years. Someday we will be moving and I don't want this to be <u>any</u> problem when resale is in question. We would also like our mind's put to rest in the near future [Chatsworth].*

Public comment from Granada Hills:

15. *I think who ever was in charge of operations during the years this occurred should be disciplined by no benefits, pension, or whatever else we can take to help pay bills. I'm sure it's more the one person's responsibility. We the taxpayers are tired of paying for everyone's mistakes, in my business, I did wrong or make a mistake and I pay the price no one else. [Granada Hills]*
16. *The Woolsey Canyon drained into the Chatsworth Reservoir from the 1930's when it was constructed until it was drained. [Granada Hills]*
17. *Use scientific information from Stanford University. The California EPA has done an un-scientific job. [Granada Hills]*

General public comment continued:

Public response from Hidden Hills:

18. *We have heard about the potential dangers from the SSFL. Not once however have we heard how the danger would affect the huge Ahmanson Ranch construction project. Yet this project is designed to be in the exact area of the SSFL. Should this danger be addressed immediately? [Hidden Hills]*

Public response from Northridge:

19. *I lived near the effected area from 1958 through 1972. [Northridge]*
20. *Let's go, get that CEO up there with his/her kids and grand kids. Wait a minute - that would further convince me that you have absolutely no respect for human life. [Northridge]*
21. *This could be an issue of concern to homebuyers. [Northridge]*

Public response from Simi Valley:

22. *I worked at the site off and on for 29 years, 1963 through January 91, now retired. [Simi Valley]*
23. *I worked at the main plant in Canoga Park. I worked on the J-2 Engine at final test/assembly, pre and post hot fire. [Simi Valley]*
24. *An employee of Rocketdyne for 13 years. I have knowledge of the cleanup by Rockwell regarding the sodium reactor experiment. [Simi Valley]*
25. *My husband worked at ETEC, which was located at the Santa Susana Facility. [Simi Valley]*
26. *I have worked as geophysical subcontractor dealing with disposal sites. [Simi Valley]*
27. *Contact the Garbage Company. They have a monopoly regarding Simi. [Simi Valley]*
28. *Worked at rocket engine test facility from 1955 through 1961. [Simi Valley]*
29. *I have lived in Simi Valley since 1956, and my mother and father worked at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory around 1956 through 1957. They are both deceased. [Simi Valley]*
30. *I have not worked at Rocketdyne since late 1969, but have continued to live in Simi up to the present. I am just looking for information if required for my family of 5. [Simi Valley]*
31. *I worked on the Atlas, Jupiter and Thor Ballistic Missiles that were used to defend the USA. Rocketdyne was very active in helping the USA in fighting the "cold war," we could all be speaking Russian now. Facts show that the Russian's have contaminated large portions of the Urals with nuclear waste, and I do not think they did any better with their rocket engine program. I do not mean to excuse what was done at SSFL, but we needed to build rocket engines fast. [Simi Valley]*
32. *We have an extreme interest in this subject since we have lived here for over 35 years. [Simi Valley]*
33. *I was employed for 27 years by Rockwell International at Rocketdyne located at 6633 Canoga Ave., Canoga Park, California, as an electrical project planner for SSME. Occasionally would visit the electrical assembly Dept. at SSFL. [Simi Valley]*

General public comment continued:

34. I have Degrees in Chemistry, served on zoning and conservation board in NY State. [Simi Valley]
35. Thank you for this opportunity! [Simi Valley]
36. I am new to Simi and unaware of this situation. [Simi Valley]
37. If there are any reasons to be concerned about the prior activities, or if there are plans in the future to make Rocketdyne active again (in Santa Susana) I would like to know. [Simi Valley]
38. Good Luck! [Simi Valley]

Public response from West Hills:

39. I was employed as a technical editor-writer by Atomics International for 11 months in 1962. I visited the reactor in service at that time at the SSFL site. [West Hills]
40. I worked at SSFL from 1962 through 1984, five years of which were at the Sodium Reactor Experiment (SRE) from 1962 through 1967. [West Hills]
41. I have been a Rocketdyne employee for 20 years. [West Hills]
42. I have lived in the Canoga Park/West Hills area since March of 1969. [West Hills]
43. Worked there [SSFL] for 40 years. [West Hills]
44. My ex husband was one of the original people to work up there setting up and running Rocketdyne. [West Hills]
45. I moved here in 1976. At that time I was told that nothing hazardous to my health was happening there. The Senator told me about a reactor meltdown at that site. [West Hills]

Public response from Woodland Hills:

46. I was assistant Director of testing at SSFL in 1975 and 1976. [Woodland Hills]
47. I'm interested in the opening up of the Chatsworth Reservoir site and any impact this might have on the site. [Woodland Hills]
48. What effect will SSFL have on the Ahmanson Ranch development? [Woodland Hills]

Public response – no name or address given:

49. I will soon be 80 years old, and don't have the energy to be much help. I am still interested to see that there is effort made towards safety provided for the public. [no address given]
50. It seems to me, somebody is making a big project out of nothing. [no address given]
51. A lot of fuss over nothing. [no address given]
52. This sounds like it's not really much of a problem, which some people try to overblow. [no address given]
53. The field lab has never been a problem. [no address given]
54. I think it's very possible that decisions and actions are being based on emotion rather than fact. This has resulted in real people losing real jobs. I think the environmental impact will be far worse if the Santa Susana facility is closed and replaced by endless homes and condos. [no address given]

General public comment continued:

55. I live a long way from the SSFL, so I can't get too excited about what is going on way out there. Years ago we could hear them testing the rockets. [no address given]
56. Sounds like public hysteria! [no address given]
57. I know this is a very important matter and needs all the help we can give. I am sorry to say I am a retired widow and do not drive, so I am unable to be active in helping. [no address given]
58. I am planning to move close to this location. I know others who already live up there. It is a shame that whoever is behind this has no regard for anyone who might be around such a place. [no address given]

7.5. Public comment focusing on information repositories

Number of Public Responses 43 (1.3 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Canoga Park:

1. *I was unaware that the library documents these activities. I will visit one right away. [Canoga Park]*
2. *Canoga Park and Woodland Hills Library – Most home owners are elderly people with no transportation. [Canoga Park]*
3. *Platt Branch location is convenient for us. However, we never knew information about this was available at our library. [Canoga Park]*
4. *According to the map provided, the SSFL is in a convenient location. I do not mind where facilities like this are located, as long as contamination is prevented/ controlled. Also, I have never visited one of your information repositories. But Cal. State University Northridge is an excellent location for information and convenient. I know this because I have been by there many times. [Canoga Park]*
5. *I don't have time to go there, all those who express concern should be notified by mail. [Canoga Park]*
6. *I was not aware that there was information about SSFL at the Platt Branch of the LA County Library. [Canoga Park]*
7. *Until this letter, I was unaware of the 4 info repositories. Thank you. [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

8. Provide information at grocery stores-Chatsworth/Canoga Park Checkout lines, or by mail. [Chatsworth]
9. Place repositories anywhere that parking and high traffic are not an obstacle. [Chatsworth]
10. I didn't know of the information [repository] sites. [Chatsworth]

Public comment focusing on information repositories continued:

Public response from Simi Valley:

11. Simi Valley Library is best. [Simi Valley]
12. I visit the library. Unaware of any information on the Santa Susana Lab. [Simi Valley]
13. Visited Simi Valley repository, but didn't notice documents.[Simi Valley]
14. Yes, [Simi Valley Library Repository] is very visible. [Simi Valley]
15. Locate repositories in places where the general public visit. [Simi Valley]

Public response from West Hills:

16. What information is available at these facilities? How would the public know that any information on SSFL activities is available at any of these facilities? Platt Branch is convenient, I have visited it, but had no idea that it has information on SSFL activities. [West Hills]
17. Visiting repositories doesn't help when you work 6 days a week! [West Hills]
18. Hello!! People work and can't get to these places [repositories] during business hours. The internet is the best way to get this information to people. [West Hills]

Public response from Woodland Hills:

19. I was unaware of information available at the Platt Library. I will make every effort to keep abreast of all new developments and will be looking forward to future mailings. [Woodland Hills]
20. I was not aware that fact sheets were available at the [repository] locations [Woodland Hills]
21. I have not visited, but now know about them, I will visit Platt Branch Library. [Woodland Hills]
22. I'm disabled and not able to go anywhere. [Woodland Hills]

Public response - no name or address given:

23. The public should be kept current and informed. [no address given]
24. These locations are not publicized enough, make up placards/posters for super markets, 7 11s, gas stations, and schools. [no address given]
25. The California State University Northridge is closest to me, but hard to find on campus. It requires knowledge of the campus and parking fees. [no address given]
26. CSUN is too large and inconvenient for some people to take advantage of the information available. [no address given]
27. It would be great to see this info. Get to the kids in school. Some are not even aware of what toxic substances leak into "their" soil and pollute the atmosphere. [no address given]
28. I hope a disclosure of the substances that were deemed hazardous are mentioned at the four repositories above. [no address given]

Public comment focusing on information repositories continued:

29. *I believe this has been a concern over an extended period of time. Knowledge regarding this matter has been sporadic and inadequate to consider myself well - informed. (2) I do not believe that CSUN is the best site to provide information. The large campus traffic and parking may deter people from searching out available information. (3) If a brief chronology of information is available, I would find this helpful. [no address given]*
30. *Why isn't this information available at public libraries? (Such as Porter Ranch) [no address given]*
31. *Since I have a "walking disability," I prefer receiving fact sheets via U.S. Mail. [no address given]*
31. *I was not previously aware such information was available. I'd like to find such information on line. [no address given]*
32. *Information regarding the history of the site and recent developments should be on a Website for easiest access. [no address given]*
33. *The CSUN archives center is closest to me, but hard for some to find on campus. It requires knowledge of the campus and parking fees. [no address given]*
34. *Repositories should be out in the desert where there are no people located. [no address given]*
35. *Please inform me of anything going on there by writing. [no address given]*
36. *Have information kiosk at Porter Ranch Town Center. [no address given]*
37. *CSUN is hard to find parking, but Chatsworth Library after its renovation would be good. [no address given]*
38. *Are they on line? They ought to be if not! [no address given]*
39. *Provide information at senior centers, schools, and parks. [no address given]*
40. *Have not visited repositories, but locations okay if known to the public. [no address given]*
41. *Send information to my home, who has time to investigate, etc. [no address given]*
42. *I don't drive anymore. I would like information mailed to me please. [no address given]*

7.7. Public comment relating to Realtors & property ownership

Number of Public Responses 23 (.7 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Bell Canyon:

1. *There is no problem caused by this facility. You are causing lowering of property values and unnecessarily causing fear and wasting tax payers $$. [Bell Canyon]*

Public comment relating to Realtors & property ownership continued:

Public response from Canoga Park:

2. *This is a serious matter. As a homeowner in the affected area, I need to know what effect this might have – How to protect my family from harm if it exists, and what to do for my community. [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

3. *My primary concern is what effect will this have on the value and sale ability of my home. [Chatsworth]*
4. *Not very clear on what plan is for this field (Santa Susana0, but very interested. Just purchased a manufactured home at the top of the hill. Please provide information. [Chatsworth]*

Public response from Simi Valley:

5. *Since Realtors are most peoples first connection with most areas new and old, keeping them advised of health concerns that affect geographic areas is critical. [Simi Valley]*
6. *When I purchased my home I was told the contamination was going to be cleaned up so chances of contacting cancer would be one in a million. Now they want to scale the cleanup back so that one in 3,000 are now the cancer chances, which is pretty poor odds. The Dept. of Energy must keep to the original agreement to cleanup Rocketdyne. [Simi Valley]*
7. *I would appreciate you sending us a report with all factual information to our office for reference. As a Real Estate Company, it is important for us to inform prospects, or know who to direct them for pertinent information or due-diligence. [Simi Valley]*
8. *I resent that I purchased my home and the first time I was made aware of the potential toxicity was during my final walk-through. The Real Estate agent put some kind of release on the hood of my car and said, in passing and quite casually, "Oh this is just a formality. There's really nothing to it but legally I am required to get your disclaimer." It was too late for me to object at that point. Any sales in area should be required to provide information up front. [Simi Valley]*
9. *Due to possible impact on my home and surrounding area. I am very concerned that this situation be rectified ASAP. [Simi Valley]*
10. *I'm upset that I wasn't told about this before I bought my home. Now I'm stuck. [Simi Valley]*
11. *I knew nothing of this situation when I purchased my home. [Simi Valley]*
12. *I just became a Realtor, I would like to be kept abreast of what is happening. [Simi Valley]*
13. *I will be a new homeowner at the Oaks development in 2/02. It is located in the Knolls Foothills and very close to the cleanup activities. I would like to know any potential or future hazards my family could be subjected to. [Simi Valley]*

Public comment relating to Realtors & property ownership continued:

14. *I would like to know if my home is located in a hazardous area. I have two young children. I'm assuming you send letters to homes in dangerous areas. Please let me know how I can find more information out about my property. [Simi Valley]*

Public response from West Hills:

15. *I would like to know how this concerns the citizens of the community and if there are health concerns etc. How property values have been affected, what happened, and what is being done about it. [West Hills]*
16. *We moved here 1 year ago and had to sign a document acknowledging the site. [West Hills]*
17. *I am a Real Estate Agent and was involved in investigating the impact on Bell Canyon for a client with an offer on a B.C. property. A lack of accurate testing for contamination outside officials at SSFL (independent studies) has forced me to question doing business in Bell Canyon. After meeting with SSFL officials my client canceled escrow on their dream home. I live just outside Bell Canyon. [West Hills]*
18. *I am a resident in this area and due to the fact that I know of products manufactured and used in the manufacturing process, I am concerned about the toxins within this area. Prior to purchasing our residents, we had an independent agency perform tests on our property and within close proximity to the site. [West Hills]*
19. *If this is a health hazard, all homeowners must be informed and notified and all prospective homebuyers need to be notified as well. We were not aware of this situation when we moved to West Hills. [West Hills]*
20. *We actually lost the sale of our house due to the possible new owners checking with EPA. [West Hills]*
21. *I learned of it after I moved here. I think my landlord legally should have been compelled to tell me about it. I moved here in August 2001. [West Hills]*
22. *We are very interested as an individual and member of a Home Owners Association. I will pass the information on. We have 239 homes in our area. [West Hills]*

Public response – no name or address given:

23. *I know there is toxic substances as when I purchased my house I had to sign a sheet stating it "might be" contaminated. [no address given]*

7.8. Public comment concerning legal issues

Number of Public Responses 20 (.7 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Canoga Park:

1. *Could you please provide me with any information regarding a Class-Action Lawsuit? [Canoga Park]*
2. *Provide legal aid. [Canoga Park]*
3. *We moved into our present address in September 1975, twenty-six years ago. We clearly heard rocket motor test firings, and saw exhaust plumes. The San Fernando Valley was sparsely settled west of Woodlake Ave. Then came tons of new housing west of us. This case reminds us of people moving into homes adjacent to an existing airport and then complaining about noise. Of course this case, like so many others of similar circumstances provides lawyers with virtually unlimited access to taxpayers funds – other taxpayers then the litigants, will pay for what may turn out to be nebulous damages. This matter appears to be another case of government, followed by disapproval and litigation (I never worked for Rocketdyne). [Canoga Park]*

Public response from Chatsworth:

4. *We filed suit because it caused cancer etc – but were denied! [Chatsworth]*
5. *Please forward any/all ongoing litigation or class action lawsuit info. – I would like to assess this whole ongoing nightmare – I am 4 months pregnant. I am a homeowner, disturbingly close to the Rocketdyne facility – I am concerned to say the least. [Chatsworth]*

Public response from Granada Hills:

6. *You are just opening the door to all those greedy layers. If there is a problem it is small and isolated. This is what gives California the title of Sue Capital of the World. [Granada Hills]*

Public response from Simi Valley:

7. *Lot of tax dollars going into the PR side. Looks to me like another "LA Lawyer" is looking to get rich at the expense of taxpayers and a "Big corporation." That's wrong. [Simi Valley]*
8. *I have always felt we are in the dark about this situation. Due to lawsuits, we will never know all the facts. [Simi Valley]*
9. *During my residence in city of Reseda, I was mailed a notice of Class Action against SSFL, but no other information was made available. [Simi Valley]*
10. *Have I been affected and should I contact a lawyer? [Simi Valley]*

Public comment concerning legal issues continued:

11. *This needs to be taken to court to force the DOE and Rocketdyne to cleanup according to EPA standards. [Simi Valley]*

Public response from West Hills:

12. *This company got away with the complete disregard for the people and environment and should be completely held responsible for its cleanup and compensation to the people in the surrounding area. After this, the facility should be dismantled and moved elsewhere. There was a Class Action Lawsuit and I was told it has been stopped. [West Hills]*
13. *I hope to god that this contamination will not affect me or my families' health. I have forwarded a copy of this survey to my attorney for file keeping.[West Hills]*
14. *Has the facility caused any health problems in people affected by living in the area close to the laboratory. Any compensation or Class Action Lawsuit involved here? [West Hills]*
15. *I'm curious about the Class Action Suit, cancer statistics etc. My brother has pancreatic cancer, is there any connection? [West Hills]*
16. *Would like to know outcome of pending litigation i.e. Class Action Lawsuit. [West Hills]*

Public response from Winnetka:

17. *When we purchased this residence we were informed by the seller that there was a pending class action lawsuit against Rocketdyne. This was because we lived close. Then we received a letter that we were no longer part of the lawsuit. That's how it is for the little guy. Large companies pay to say you are no longer in danger of hazardous substances contaminating your home. Is somebody going to test the soil again, or is it over and no one cares? [Winnetka]*

Public response from Woodland Hills:

18. *This lawsuit seems ridiculous to me. Just a way for layers and people on the take to get money. Since the Sate is involved, this thing costs me tax money, another waste of my tax money. [Woodland Hills]*

Public Response – no name or address given:

19. *I have none and no interest in further pursuing any claims or information. [no address given]*
20. *I am not interested, unless I can find a shyster lawyer to help me sue for big bucks. [no address given]*

7.9. Non-SSFL related public comment.

Number of Public Responses 11 (.03 %)

Note: All public comments are unabridged direct quotes.

Public response from Chatsworth:

1. *How can we fill the Chatsworth Reservoir to provide water for the native animals, not human consumption? [Chatsworth]*

Public response from Granada Hills:

2. *I have no previous knowledge of this. Is it connected with the landfill, which is being showcased by Erin Brockovich? [Granada Hills]*
3. *P.S. Not regarding this issue, but California needs fuel cell technology immediately!!!! [Granada Hills]*
4. *I belong to the North Valley Coalition to help us keep abreast of issues re. Sunshine Canyon Landfill. We have been very disappointed with the lack of dedication amongst our City Council regarding our health concerns. Only Hal Bernson has supported the valley viewpoint. [Granada Hills]*
5. *We are much more concerned with the pollution etc from the Sunshine Landfill. [Granada Hills]*
6. *Where I live is ½ a mile from a huge landfill called Sunshine Canyon, I have radon gas in the soil and under my house. Consequently, we are impacted by a lot of toxic substances here. [Granada Hills]*
   While the SSFL is not of immediate concern to residents of Granada Hills, the issue of toxic substances control certainly is, particularly as it applies to the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The landfill is in a seismically active are adjacent to the Jensen Water Purification Facility, a city reservoir, a densely populated community, and an elementary school. There has been serious violations, including alleged dumping of toxic waste that suggest the need for stronger supervision. Please Help. [Granada Hills]
7. *Thank you for the enclosed questionnaire regarding the investigation of hazardous waste at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. I am concerned about issues that effect our environment and I would like to know what your agency is doing about hazardous waste conditions at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill located in Sylmar, CA. On April 28, the Hazardous Materials team of the Fire Department was called to investigate emissions coming from the drainage system that runs throughout the dump. High levels of Hydrogen Sulfide measured 164 ppm to 185 ppm that is far in excess of toxic levels. Methane emissions measured up to 28%, far in excess of the 5% legal limit. Mr. Larry Israel of the AQMD reported in September 2000 that the monitoring instruments used to measure the levels of Methane at Sunshine were far beyond its capacity to measure. The hazardous waste at The Sunshine Canyon Dump continues to fester, the dump must be closed and the cleanup process begin. [Granada Hills]*

Non-SSFL related public comment continued:

Public response from Pacoima:

8. *There is more concern about petroleum contamination of ground water than rocket fuel used 35 years ago at a private test site. [Pacoima]*

Public response – no name or address given:

9. *I and people in my community are more concerned about the re-opening of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. I hope that something can be done to stop it or at least to ensure that there would be no contamination of the environment. [no address given]*
10. *North Valley Coalition is fighting to clean up BFI dump near water facility. Water contamination is a great concern. [no address given]*

3.0 Number of survey responses from former & current SSFL employees; and number of public who have taken a site tour

Comment from former SSFL employees	Comment from current SSFL employees	No. of public who have taken tour of facility
167 (5 %)	**19 (.5 %)**	**51 (1.5 %)**

4.0 Follow-up public interview requests; mailing address provided; number and geographical location of survey responses

Public who requested follow-up interview	Mailing address provided	No name or mailing address given
795 (24 %)	2888 (86 %)	487 (14 %)

The following locations of survey responses are sorted by greatest number of responses:

Response from West Hills	Response from Simi Valley	Response from Chatsworth
699 (21 %)	677 (20 %)	612 (18 %)

Response from Canoga Park	Response from Granada Hills	Response from Woodland Hills
280 (8.3 %)	272 (8 %)	262 (7.8 %)

Response from Northridge	Response from Bell Canyon	Response from Winnetka
205 (6 %)	56 (1.7 %)	16 (0.5 %)

Response from Porter Ranch	Response from Hidden Hills	Response from Santa Susana
13 (0.4 %)	9 (0.3 %)	7 (0.2 %)

Response from Calabasas	Response from Susana Knolls	Response from Encino
5 (0.1 %)	5 (0.1 %)	4 (0.1 %)

Response from San Fernando	Response from North Hollywood	Response from Burbank
3 (0.08 %)	2 (0.06 %)	2 (0.06 %)

Response from Mission Hills	Response from Canyon Country	Response from Van Nuys
2 (0.06 %)	1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)

Response from Pacoima	Response from Palm Desert	Response from Tarzana
1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)

Response from Las Vegas	Response from Tahoe City	Response from North Hills
1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)

Response from Malibu	Response from Studio City	Response from Glendale
1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)

Response from Box Canyon	Response from West Lake
1 (0.03 %)	1 (0.03 %)

APPENDIX A: Santa Susana Field Laboratory Community Survey

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
COMMUNITY SURVEY focusing on the
ROCKETDYNE SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY
2002

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is involved in the investigation of hazardous substance contamination and site cleanup activities at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL), located in southeastern Ventura County, at the top of Woolsey Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 91311. As part of the ongoing site investigation, DTSC is undertaking a review of past and future public outreach activities. With this in mind, the Department has sent you this community survey that will assist in future planning. Please forward your comments at your earliest convenience by mailing to the address provided on the reverse side.

1. What is your current level of interest or concern regarding this facility?
_____ No interest _____ Low _____ Moderate _____ High _____ Very High

2. Do you have any previous knowledge of the facility, or DTSC's site cleanup activities? ___ No ___ Yes *(please elaborate)*: _____

3. What is the best way to provide you with information? ___ Fact sheets ___ Public Meetings __ *Other (please specify):* _____

4. Please indicate if you have visited any of the four information repositories listed below that document SSFL activities. Are the repositories situated in a convenient location? If no, please recommend alternative locations:

_____ Simi Valley Library
2669 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93063

_____ California State University Northridge
Urban Archives Center
Oviatt Library, Room 265 – West Wing
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330

_____ Platt Branch
Los Angeles County Library
23600 Victory Boulevard
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

_____Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 North Glendale Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201

5. Do fact sheets and public notices need translation into other languages *? (please specify). (*¿Considera usted que el material informativo y los avisos al público necesitan ser traducidos a otros idiomas? (sírvase especificar): _____

6. Can you suggest any officials, groups, organizations, or individuals that DTSC could contact regarding SSFL?

7. Please provide additional comments:_____

8. If you are interested in being considered for a follow-up interview regarding SSFL, please check ___ yes, complete information below and mail back to the address provided.

Note: Survey was mailed to the public in both English and Spanish.

APPENDIX B: Locations of Information Repositories

PLACES YOU CAN FIND COPIES OF THE COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The following locations hold information relating to site cleanup activities, survey results, and Public Participation Plans:

California State University - Northridge
Contact: Robert Marshall
Urban Archives Center
Oviatt Library, Room 265 (West Wing)
18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330
(818) 677-2832

Hours of Operation:
M – TH: 7:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
F: 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SAT: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SUN: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Simi Valley Public Library
Contact: Dale Redfield
2969 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063
(805) 526-1735

Hours of Operation:
M – TH: 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
F: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SAT: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SUN: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Platt Branch Public Library
Contact: Janet Metzler
23600 Victory Hills Boulevard
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818) 340-9386

Hours of Operation:
M: 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
TU: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
W: 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
TH: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
F: 12:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
SAT: 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Closed

DTSC Regional Records Office
Contact: Jone Barrio
1011 North Grandview Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201
(818) 551-2886

Hours of Operation:
M – F: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SAT – SUN: Closed